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FOURTEEN REASONS

for the re-election of

WILLIAM A. PRENDERGAST

For Comptroller

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HAS THREE DISTINCT FUNCTIONS:

He is the financial administrator of the City; he is the financial adviser of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; he is the executive head of the Finance Department.

AS FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY, SOME OF MR. PRENDERGAST'S ACHIEVEMENTS ARE:—

1. *He has saved in the last two years, over \$4,000,000 in interest charges* by the substitution of semi-annual for annual tax collection. This saving in interest means the reduction of the Tax Budget by an equal amount.

2. *He has installed a corporate stock note system of financing expenditures chargeable to corporate stock* whereby over half a million dollars annually has been saved (in interest charges on this item of the city's operation). The corporate stock note has permitted conservative borrowing and allowed all long-term bonds to be sold at such a time in the year as would obtain the lowest interest rate. It has also permitted prompt payment by the city of obligations which formerly were long delayed pending corporate stock sales.

3. *He has broadened the market for New York City securities* through their issue in terms of English, French and German money and by an arrangement of foreign exchange made them as negotiable abroad as at home.

AS FINANCIAL ADVISER OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT, SOME OF MR. PRENDERGAST'S MOST VALUABLE SERVICES HAVE BEEN PERFORMED, AMONG WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING:—

4. *Mr. McAneny and he were the chief agents of the City in working out the construction and operation contracts for the dual subway system* to a final basis favorable to the city.

5. *He has fearlessly advised the payment of the deficiencies left by previous administrations* regardless of the possible unfair criticism of increased expenditures. Significant accomplishments of this character are: The liquidation of twenty million dollars of the deficiency covered up by the "Jack Pot" financing of his predecessors; the payment of claims for real property to the amount of eighteen million dollars which had accumulated during previous administrations.

6. *His policy has prevailed of limiting the proceeds of fifty-year bonds to the payment for improvements, the life of which is commensurate with the term of the bonds.* Following this policy, ten-year instead of fifty-year bonds have been issued for repaving streets, and part of the cost of topographical work, formerly paid from corporate stock, has been included in annual maintenance.

7. *As chairman of the Corporate Stock Budget Committee, he created a new policy relative to the authorization of corporate stock*, limiting these authorizations to the borrowing power of the City at the time the authorizations were made. The practice of the previous administrations had been to disregard the borrowing power of the City, and in consequence the corporate stock finances of the City were in endless confusion, which fostered favoritism, waste, and unsystematic City development. Under Mr. Prendergast's plan an authorization is made only after a careful study of the City's present and future needs, and when authorized, the carrying out of an improvement is guaranteed, where no such guarantee existed under the former practice. As a first

step in this plan in 1910 authorizations for over \$24,000,000 of unnecessary improvements were rescinded.

8. *His adverse minority report to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment prevented the use of \$8,000,000 of City money* in the construction of the proposed Jerome Park Filtration Plant. He proved the plan to be unnecessary.

AS EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SOME OF MR. PRENDERGAST'S NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:—

9. *He has installed in the Department of Finance a new system of audit whereby the City's bills are paid in an average time of FIVE to SEVEN days, against TWENTY to THIRTY days in previous administrations.* This system has also eliminated the use of political or personal pull in the payment of the City's claim. This system is Comptroller Prendergast's own work, and is in no way related to any suggestions made by his predecessor in office.

10. *He has published daily in the City Record a list of claims presented for payment to the Finance Department on the previous day, together with a list of all claims paid on that day.* The result of this is that claimants against the City know where their claims are. Favoritism exposes itself and a strong pressure is brought to bear on all departments to pay bills promptly. This system is Comptroller Prendergast's own work, and is in no way related to any suggestions made by his predecessor in office.

11. *He has applied the latest and best efficiency methods and devices to the business of the Finance Department* and has created many labor-saving devices, thereby doing a very largely increased volume of business, better, at smaller cost, and in less time than previous administrations. No such methods or devices were in use in the office, nor had they been suggested at the time Mr. Prendergast took control.

12. *He has established in the Finance Department a complete system of controlling accounts* and has brought all other city departments into harmony therewith, thereby accomplishing the return of over \$16,000,000 of dormant accounts to active use. The accounting system of the City of New York to-day is a model for all cities throughout the United States. This system is in smaller part the system suggested by the Bureau of Municipal Research to Comptroller Metz, but in greater part it represents a system devised by this administration.

13. *He has set up a general ledger for the City of New York through which there is reported daily a statement of the City's assets and liabilities.* This great work had been talked about by others. It has been done by Mr. Prendergast.

14. *He has segregated the City's cash account, thereby limiting the use of the money to the purpose for which it is intended.* The plan of his predecessors, known as the "Jack Pot" system, disregarded the source from which public money came and spent it indiscriminately to meet emergencies. It made honest financing impossible. It was used to cover up a growing deficiency which in 1909 amounted to \$39,000,000.

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BOND people are queer. When Wall Street is tremendously excited with the going up of stocks and has a bull market so high that it cannot see over the top, bond merchants are traitorously unenthusiastic. They disbelieve in Stock Exchange excitement, for one thing, and, for another, they know that people cannot lose their money in speculation and at the same time put it into bonds. And when there has ceased to be a bond market it is likely that capital will become dear, that borrowing will become onerous, and that Stock Exchange ecstasy will presently abate. Again, when Wall Street is so despondent over the lack of speculation that a broker's seat is a liability, the bond people will be seen going about with airs of contentment. The investor has returned to investments, and there is a bond market. The bond dealer knows that when people are not losing money in speculation and are putting their savings into bonds, capital is accumulating, borrowers will be able to borrow on more favorable terms, and everything else will come right.

At the present time the bond business in Wall Street is good. The demand comes almost entirely from the individual investor and from investing institutions in which people save up their money, as this is not the season of the year when national banks have idle funds to invest. And it is a widening demand. If there was never a worse bond market in Wall Street than the one that is now there, nobody could much complain. The change, though gradual, is very striking. One big issue after another has vanished. Last Spring there was a large issue of convertible bonds by one of the Eastern railroads with which the underwriting syndicate did badly. They flooded the market. Everybody seemed to be trying to avoid them. It was hard to imagine that they would ever disappear. But they have. To fill a small order for \$100,000 of those bonds the dealer has now to go out and hunt for them. That is not an exceptional case. And for many weeks bond prices have been tending steadily to rise.

ONE of the riddles of finance for the layman is how the bond market can be expected to improve when general business is in a state of decline and profits are falling. It is partly owing to the fact that a reaction in business releases funds which, instead of being reinvested in business, are employed in bonds, and partly to the singular psychological fact that when people are making less money they save more. Always in "hard times" they save more than in

good times. Never before in this country and never since was so much capital saved as in the 90's, not, of course, during the time of panic and distress, but afterward, when people felt poor, worked hard and grew rich. Taking it in a simple case, a man who has been making \$10,000 a year and spending the whole of his income, on being cut down to \$5,000, resolves to save, and does.

NOTHING has recently so surprised the railroads as the announcement last week that the Interstate Commerce Commission had retained Louis D. Brandeis as special Government counsel to represent the shippers in the case of the Eastern railroads whose application for permission to increase freight rates 5 per cent. horizontally is pending. Mr. Brandeis is a lawyer of unusual ability, highly specialized in railroad argument; but he is, beyond that, a propagandist. He has a faculty for putting his finger on the weak points of railroad practice. He was the most formidable antagonist encountered by the railroads in their last campaign for higher rates; it was his work principally that defeated them. He evolved the theory then that the railroads could become prosperous by saving their waste. In that case he was retained by the shippers, which was proper; in this case he is retained by the Government to represent the shippers. The explanation is that while the railroads have a highly organized argument and are represented by talented counsel, the shippers are unorganized and unrepresented. It was not so before, and that it now is true would seem only to show that the shippers are less opposed to a rise in freight rates than they were two years ago. The Interstate Commerce Commission, therefore, though it sits on the case as a court, is in the position of procuring formidable opposition to the railroads' application and paying for it with Government money. If the shippers are not sufficiently interested to employ Mr. Brandeis, who in the past saved them from higher freight rates, should the Government engage him, or any other lawyer, to represent them?

WALL STREET turned last week from the vexing uncertainties of the Tariff bill to a matter which much more immediately concerned the fortunes of speculators. That was the fall in the price of Union Pacific stock, followed by the announcement that the idea of distributing the proceeds of the sale of Southern Pacific shares, together, perhaps, with some other surplus assets, had been sternly put aside—for the present, if not for good. There vanished a "melon" which had been a thing to imagine but not to eat. A pretty speculation in Union Pacific stock collapsed. Possibly Wall Street ought to be grateful for the diversion and the more easily reconciled to a disappointment for having had fluctuations to deal in, even though they were artificial; but it must be admitted that incidents of this character tend to obscure the economic utility of Stock Exchange speculation and to expand the prejudice with which it is increasingly regarded. Rumors of a Union Pacific distribution began to be heard in August, and were semi-officially encouraged, until there grew up an international expectation on the basis of them. Reporters were sent to every regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and the announcement, following in each instance, that nothing had yet been decided, supported the belief that something presently would be done. During a

few weeks the price of Union Pacific stock advanced 25 points. The members of the Executive Committee could no more have been unaware of that than of the fact that rumors of a distribution were in world-wide circulation, and that a speculation was forward in the stock. True, they had a perfect right to change their minds at last, but if some of them had not previously suggested that a distribution was imminent, there would have been neither the speculation, the disappointment, nor this criticism.

RETURNED from an inspection of the Government's wonderful irrigation work in the West, Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, is enthusiastic, and proposes that the Government shall issue \$100,000,000 bonds with which to finance the heroic task of correcting the errors of nature, putting rivers and lakes where they ought to be instead of where they are, and converting arid land into gardens. It appeals irresistibly to the imagination, and yet there is a big question in it. The same amount of money, time, and energy might be more profitably expended upon the neglected farm areas of the East. Within an hour's motor ride of the White House Mr. Lane will find good farm land selling at a few dollars an acre, which could be brought to a high state of fertility with such unromantic materials as labor, intelligence, and manure. So long as population tends to increase faster in the East than in the West, the further East the food can be raised the less waste there will be in transportation.

THE continued weakness of Government 2s is no riddle. The national banker who holds them is uncomfortable. He bought them at a premium to secure circulation. Now, under the provisions of the Owen-Glass bill, he would be allowed to exchange them for 3 per cent. bonds without the circulation privilege, or to continue issuing circulation against them during twenty years, and then to tender them for redemption at par. That is all very well if he elects under the terms of the Owen-Glass bill to remain in the national banking system. But suppose he wishes to withdraw and engage his capital in banking under a state charter. He could not afford to hold his 2s for twenty years to get them redeemed at par; he could not continue to issue circulation against them, and, in the event of his exchanging them for 3 per cent. bonds, the weight of the liquidation would probably cause the 3 per cents. to find an investment basis much below par.

IT was notable that the bankers, in convention at Boston, discussed not the effect of the Owen-Glass bill upon the money and credit of the country so much as its effect upon the business and profits of bankers. At first thought this might seem to call for criticism, but on reflection one will see that nothing else was to have been expected, since the interest of the authors of the currency and banking reform is so heavily on the other side—that is, they consider the effect of their legislation upon the country's money and currency first, and its effect upon the business and profits of bankers last, and incidentally, if at all.

Selfishness is human and important. It is confirmed and made sordid by suspicion. Often it disappears, or at least is greatly diminished, by approaching a subject in a spirit of mutual trust. Most people respond to confidence. Bankers might. Everybody is benefited by solvent banking and a convenient currency; beyond that, the interests of the buyers and sellers of credit

begin to diverge, as is the case in all other things. Therefore, a currency and banking bill, beyond providing for a solvent method of banking and a convenient form of currency, must be a compromise. If bankers will trust legislators more and legislators will distrust bankers less, a satisfactory settlement will be more easily reached.

DOUBTLESS the National City Bank was fully absolved from moral accountability for the renewed decline in Government 2 per cent. bonds by the testimony of Mr. Vanderlip, its President, before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency last week. He found much good in the Owen-Glass bill. He frankly admitted that the regional reserve system would deprive the big national banks in the present central reserve cities of many millions of deposits representing the cash reserves of other banks; he thought his own bank might lose \$50,000,000 of such deposits, and yet he was interested rather in the good the Owen-Glass bill aimed to do, and warmly approved of some of its most important provisions. The committee was responsive. Followed Mr. Cannon, President of the Fourth National Bank of New York, who also knew of some good in the bill, and suggested how it might be easily and satisfactorily amended. That is the spirit in which a fair compromise can be effected. Among bankers of the first rank there is a widening belief that currency legislation will pass, probably not in the special session, but, if not, then certainly in the regular session, and that it behoves bankers rather to get what they fairly deserve than to stand in an attitude of obstinate opposition to everything on the other side.

AMES J. HILL addressed the bankers at Boston last week, not as the patriarch of railroading, nor yet as the authority upon agriculture, which he is, but as one with whom banking is an avocation. Among other of his objections to the Owen-Glass bill was this:

The objection to the mental atmosphere of the capital is matched by the physical objection of placing the most important collection of gold in the world at the mercy of a foreign navy. A glance over the world to-day does not tend to reassure anybody who wishes to believe in an increasing pacific disposition among men or nations.

The Owen-Glass bill provides that the Government's gold hoard shall be deposited with the twelve Federal reserve banks.

M. OWEN of Oklahoma, whose thoughts are uncontrollable, was not to be taken in by anything the bankers put into their resolutions at Boston. He received a telegram from one country banker there informing him that the opposition was pre-arranged, and instantly he thought:

The meeting of bankers at Boston had for its obvious reason opposition to the bill. I cannot judge their motives.

The motives were merely human. Man has yet a long way to go before he can contemplate a loss of profits in the interest of the public without protest. The temper of the bankers at Boston was not sweetened by such narratives current as that when the Southern delegation visited Mr. Wilson recently at the White House he said the Government wished to help them in order that they would not have to be helped in Wall Street, and that when the Chicago bankers made up their list of securities to be tendered as security for Mr. McAdoo's money the Treasury Department rejected the Drainage Canal bonds, which are as good as Government bonds, and accepted industrial bonds in their place.

Money Merchants on a Junket

Some Human Aspects of the Boston Gathering Called the Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association—The Absence of Silk Hats, the Neglect of a Broker's Office, Badges of Conservatism and Other Matters

A LOT of money merchants together in a strange place, as in Boston last week, at the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, are very much like other merchants. They have the same delight in whatever is for nothing, the same away-from-home curiosity about frivolous things, the same uneasiness (the married ones whose wives are along) about the millinery displayed in the hotel's corridor shops, and the same spirit of making a holiday that will be charged up to the profit and loss of business. That is not so surprising as it ought to be, when you stop to think that becoming a merchant either in money or hardware is only the difference between starting in a bank or in a hardware store.

At these annual gatherings the money trust type of banker, who, if he exists, should wear braid on the edges of his coat, go about in a silk hat, and be ominously preoccupied, has never been known to appear. The others would not know how to treat him if he did, and would probably be as much afraid of him as common people imagine themselves to be. There was only one silk hat at the Boston convention, and that was worn by a perfectly harmless banker who wouldn't know his way about in Wall Street. As for that place, it was represented, of course, by a few real bankers, and by a number of solicitors who are continually seeking country bank deposits; but though Union Pacific on Wednesday declined 3 points, a Stock Exchange broker's office in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, where the convention headquarters were, drew nobody from the crowded corridors. Occasionally a passing banker stopped to peer in, with the air of one who was curious to know what a broker's office was like inside, and then passed on.

Shop was a proper subject only in Symphony Hall, where the business meetings were held. Otherwise, as in the hotel foyer, which was always thronged, they talked of anything else. A dictograph there would have caught such fragments as these:

"You want to get the very best bulls you can buy, and then make your State Legislature—"

"—if he pitches to-morrow I'll—"

"—The very best cylinder oil, take it from—"

"Doesn't that make three straight games?"

"—could dance a little, too, when I was younger."

"The only way you can teach a farmer anything is through his—"

"That Deadwood girl was the belle of the ball all ri—"

"—until the town closed up."

"Got any corn out your way?"

"—and we'll charge it up on the expense sheet."

There were, of course, some points of peculiarity. Many of the young men were bald, and all the bald men, whether young or old, were conservative. That possibly was a coincidence, or it may be true of any other kind of gathering, if one had only noticed it before. It was particularly no-

ticeable in Symphony Hall, from the rear. The only note of discord heard there was sounded by a country banker, old enough to be conservative, who was afterward said to possess flowing locks. That was disrespectful. He had only an abundance of very black hair and was conspicuous for that reason.

It was the head of Thomas C. McRae, President of the National Bank of Prescott, Prescott, Ark. He proposed to support the Administration's currency bill, instead of fighting it, on the ground that more could be gained in that way, and then belittled the notion that the enactment of the Owen-Glass bill, even as it was, would be calamitous. Until then everybody had been boasting that opinion was united at all points. Above everything else that was to be desired, for bankers at a convention are the most unanimous lot of people to be imagined. Mr. McRae was booed and howled at. George M. Reynolds, one of the four pillars of a bankers' convention (the other three are A. B. Hepburn of New York, J. Festus Wade of St. Louis, and Sol. Wexler of New Orleans), insisted that the note of discord be heard. Mr. McRae, in the meantime, had lifted up his voice, as a man might who was accustomed to speak against difficulties. Then it began to be whispered about that he had been in Congress. That accounted for everything. It was disconcerting to have a politician in a bankers' convention, even though he had retired from politics and was engaged in a respectable business. However, he had his say, and then nothing that he said was allowed to matter. Thereafter, when somebody said, "Isn't it remarkable how perfectly every one agrees on all these questions?" and some one else said, "All but Arkansas," the first speaker invariably said, "Oh, well, he was once in Congress, and on his way up here he stopped at Washington and got those notions put into him."

When it came to the point of confirming the report of the Chicago conference on the Owen-Glass bill by a vote of the whole convention, Arkansas was heard from again. Mr. McRae moved that paragraphs of the confirming resolution be voted upon separately, as he seemed to think the country bankers had been carried further in the convention as a whole than they had been willing to go in resolutions of their own the day before; but his motion was lost. His was the only voice in the affirmative, and at that there was loud applause.

Applause was never sparing. Whatever was done was applauded. When a delegate made a motion everybody applauded. When another moved to lay that motion on the table everybody applauded again. When another rose to a point of order against both motions all applauded him. This was true up to the point at which Arkansas became discordant, and when Arkansas sat down there was more applause. When it voted alone there was still more. The applause was unanimous every time, no matter what happened. Prof. Vincent of the University of Minnesota quoted H. G. Wells, the Socialist, on a singularity of the American temperament. Nobody quaked; when he was through everybody clapped hands.

But when a good word was said for the soil or for the men who till there was special enthusiasm. That was perhaps the most unanimous feeling of all throughout the convention. Besides, it was safe; currency questions had many facets. A delegate from Indiana proposed an amendment to the Owen-Glass bill allowing greater latitude for

loans by national banks on farm mortgages. He knew from experience, and he believed every other country banker knew, too, that farm mortgages were not only the safest security a bank could take but the most satisfactory in other ways. They were far better than railroad bonds, which were only mortgages on property that nobody had ever seen; a farm mortgage was on property you could go out to look at if you became uneasy about it. And the farmer always paid up—that is, unless he wanted to buy a little more land—whereas the commercial borrower, when his note came due, generally wished to renew it, and then to renew it again and again.

These sentiments were tremendously applauded.

Another delegate told how he had circumvented the prohibition against national bank loans upon real estate mortgages. He had caused mortgages to be made in the form of serial bonds, coming due one at a time, and when the Bank Examiner asked about it he demanded to know what difference there was, in fact, between that kind of a loan and a loan on Sherman House bonds in Chicago. The Bank Examiner said he would be damned if he knew. There the

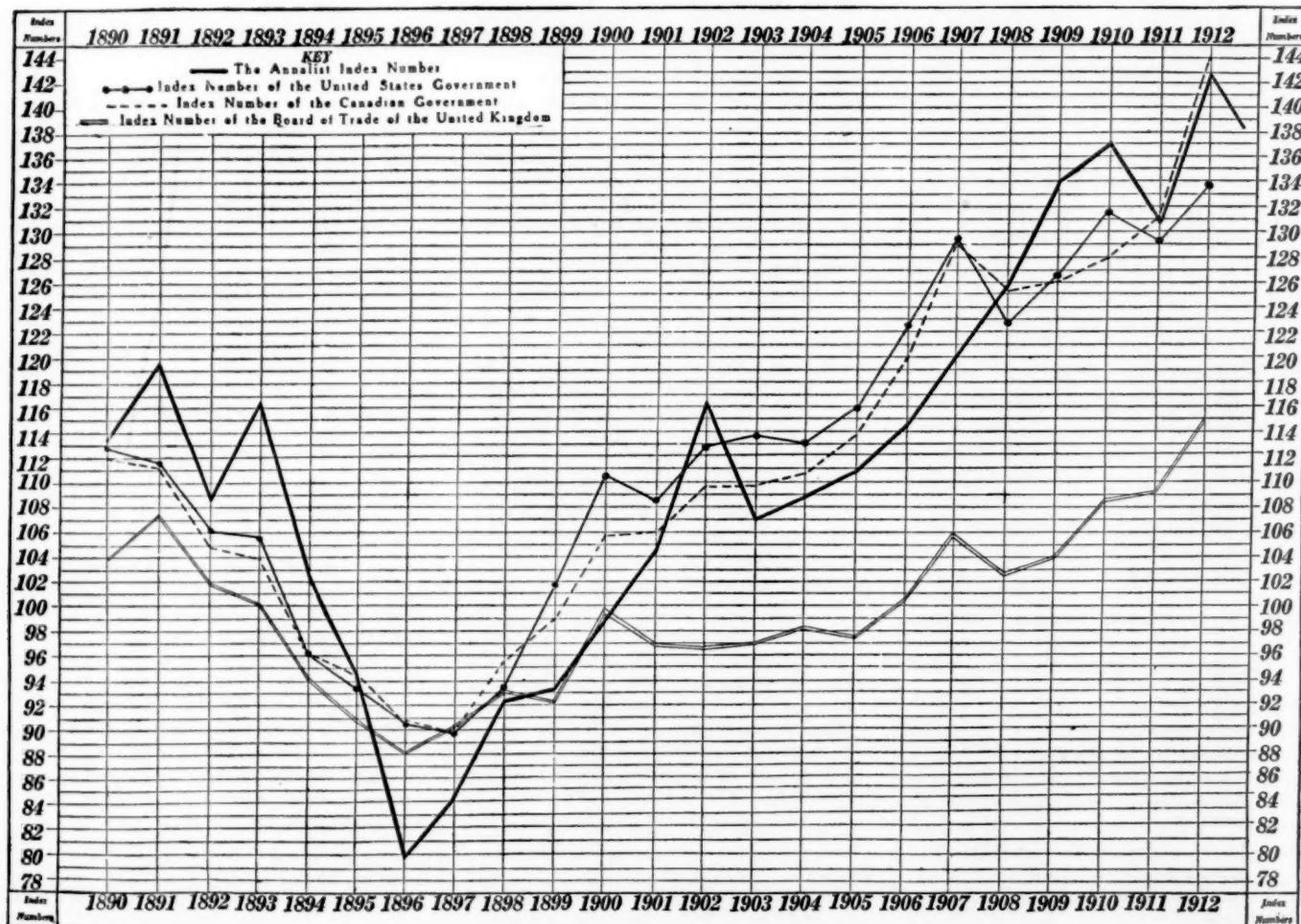
applause was almost hysterical, showing how bankers take a bit of simple profanity. The delegate said, of course, it was to be understood that he quoted the Bank Examiner, and the applause had to be done all over.

If the farmers of the West ever heard all of the fine things the country bankers, at their convention, said about them as borrowers, and with what approval such sentiments were received, they would all become proud and threaten, if their loans were not doubled, to go elsewhere. On the platform there may have been theorists in banking who realized how thought was confused between a mortgage and a bill of exchange, but, if so, they were silent. The theory of banking does not hold against the experience of bankers who know their farmers. Later Mr. Hill spoke, and made railroad bonds out to be the very choicest kind of security for a bank to have, which was expected, seeing that he is, or has been, one of the largest producers of railroad bonds in the world.

Considering that currency and banking reform legislation is really imminent for the first time in this generation of bankers, the complacency of the Boston gathering was

remarkable. Nobody was for the Owen-Glass bill, of course, not even the gentleman from Arkansas, who stirred up the row; he thought the bill ought to be much amended. But the opposition varied in degree of intensity. There was no sense of impending catastrophe. The conciliatory testimony of Frank A. Vanderlip before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, reported to convention headquarters by the kind of page printing instrument seldom seen outside of a Stock Exchange district, and which had been loaned from State Street, helped to mollify aggressive opinion. If an important banker were cornered he would say that he expected a currency bill to pass within in a short time, and that if the bankers conducted themselves tactfully they would get everything they wanted, save two or three things. One of the things they would not get would be the power to issue money. The Government was determined to have its way there. Another thing they would not get would be effective representation upon the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. None expected banking to be ruined, whatever else happened, or to become so impoverished as to be unable to afford jolly annual conventions.

The Cost of Living Here, in Canada and in Great Britain



FROM the announcement that President Wilson had started a nationwide investigation of the high cost of living in the United States with a view to determining causes and providing remedies it might have been inferred that the phenomenon of soaring commodity prices had been confined to the United States, whereas as a matter of fact it has been universal. Other countries have made investigations of the same problem without finding a solution. Only last year such an inquiry was made in England and its results were summarized in a recent number of *THE ANNALIST*.

Proof that the high cost of living is a

world-wide condition is found in the fact that commodity price movements synchronize remarkably in all the principal countries. In the above chart are pictured the wholesale prices of commodities in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, as represented by the index numbers of the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom, the United States Government, the Canadian Government and *THE ANNALIST*. Commodity prices in Germany, France and elsewhere would show exactly the same thing. It will be noticed that *THE ANNALIST* Index Number is much more sensitive than any of the others, which is because it shows the average wholesale price of food only, whereas

the others are ballasted by the inclusion of other than food commodities much more sluggish in their movements, such as basic manufacturers' materials. As has been proved by experience, however, food and other commodities really move together, food faster than the others. All four of the Index Numbers in the chart are based on the average of prices for the ten years from 1890 to 1899, which is taken as 100, and fluctuations are figured from that base.

Since the first of this year prices have been declining. *THE ANNALIST* Index Number of twenty-five food commodities for the year 1913 to date is 139.4 as compared with 143.2 for 1912.

An Olive Branch to Capital

**The Southwest Softens Its Temper
Toward Corporations and Would
Deal More Amicably with Them
Hereafter Upon Terms of Mutual
Understanding—How the Change
of Feeling Has Come About**

LET none speak more of the "corporation baiting" Southwest. While New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, rock-ribbed in their conservatism, were this Spring putting on their statute books the full-crew bills that are costing the railroads millions of dollars, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, States whose very names have suggested "trust busting," Populism, and financial heresy, rejected the full-crew legislation, not through any violation of their pledges by the legislators, but, in Texas, because the farmers in their organizations denounced the bills, and in Oklahoma and Kansas because, after open discussion, a policy of fairness to the railroads had been decided upon.

The Southwest is no longer in the mood to punish corporations. That section is now inviting capital to help build up industry. It must not be understood, however, that Texas and Oklahoma and Kansas are in a mood to turn everything over bodily. They simply say to incorporated capital: "Come and help build up this part of the country and we will treat you fairly. It will be a straight-out business arrangement. Give us a square dollar's worth and we will be glad to see you prosper."

The relationship, now, between public sentiment in the Southwest and the corporations seems to be that healthy one of mutual respect for each other's power that comes after two pretty fairly matched antagonists have "fought it out" and shaken hands. The corporations realize that the States have established their ability to regulate them. The people know that the corporations won't put any more money into the States to help develop industry, and can't be forced to, in any way, unless assured of protection in their property rights. The two sides have got together and have shaken hands. A few months ago there came the announcement that the Insull forces were going into Oklahoma to begin a large campaign of electrical development involving the building of urban and interurban traction lines and power distribution over wide areas. Large amounts of capital will be required. The announcement caused a bit of astonishment. It looked like a bold move for a corporation to risk so much in Oklahoma. The following official statement was made in behalf of Mr. Insull:

Mr. Samuel Insull and Mr. Martin J. Insull are prominently connected with electrical enterprises in the Middle West, and are well known in that business. They and their associates, in entering Oklahoma to own and operate properties of that character, will be of distinct benefit to this State, and each and every place where they acquire a property can rely on the fact that they will get the latest and best machinery and appliances, with efficient people in charge, and receive courteous and fair treatment in every way. We feel safe, or we should not have come. Oklahoma is a new, undeveloped country that in a broad way has hardly begun to grow. We are confident that there will be continuous and substantial development for many years, and that as each community prospers investments will increase in value. Our policy will be to take each community into partnership with us to the extent of giving the best service at a fair price and in a manner satisfactory to our patrons. Good business policy requires amicable relations

between a public utilities company and the public.

Governor O. B. Colquitt of Texas made his campaign for election on a platform which called for a cessation of the anti-corporation activities of the State that had made it famous. In a letter to THE ANNALIST on the subject, he writes:

In 1910 I made a campaign for Governor upon a platform of "legislative rest and political peace." By legislative rest I meant that no additional harassing laws should be passed for the purpose of unsettling business conditions, and unnecessarily harassing and hindering the citizens or other persons of Texas in developing their business. This policy has been reasonably well carried out and adhered to during the last two legislative sessions.

WON ELECTION ON PLATFORM OF TOLERATION

Gov. George H. Hodges of Kansas, too, was elected on a platform of "rest for the corporations." In his inaugural address he made the following announcement of policy:

The development of a State depends upon those who plant and those who carry. With good roads the whole year round, giving our farmers a market each of the twelve months in the year, with the competition of water and rail rates, with greater tonnage for those who carry as intensified farming becomes a fact there will be an increase of wealth for our citizens and greater dividends for the common carrier, and together they who plant and they who carry will share alike this new prosperity that is waiting at our door.

There is no pressing need of further railroad enactments or public service corporation acts at this time. The Utilities Commission has unlimited authority and should use its power, not to hamper, but to aid in the development of all public utilities. With amendments to our Constitution permitting direct legislation and the improvement of public highways by the State, with the repeal of the inheritance tax law and the adoption of a recording mortgage tax law, and the Massachusetts form of ballot, we will have general statutes that it seems will answer all our pressing needs. Under the provisions of recent enactments numerous interurban lines are being built that will soon gridiron the State. Remarkable railroad development and the construction of new lines are in progress which have proved conclusively the saneness of these enactments and have given an added sense of security to the investors in railroad stocks and bonds.

IN OKLAHOMA

The change in public sentiment toward corporations in the Southwest is thus described by an ANNALIST correspondent at Guthrie, Oklahoma:

Southwestern States that have been baiting public service corporations for the last seven or eight years have begun putting on the brake and are slowing down, to ascertain how much injury and how much good has come from the controversy. In a number of these States, particularly in Oklahoma, the fact has become plain to most citizens that conditions which provoked hostility against corporations in earlier years are greatly improved.

The proper control and the just regulation of public service corporations, involving millions of dollars' worth of capital and other property, have been found to be matters of business, in which politics has no place. This saner view, however, has not been attained by the people without commensurate reforms in the management of public service corporation properties.

In Kansas the feeling that railroads already have been regulated to the point of persecution is marked, and the sentiment was so general in the 1912 campaign that the platforms of the Democratic, Republican, and Progressive Parties were silent on the subject of railroads.

Perhaps the most notable indication of change in Oklahoma was the adoption at a special election last August of an amendment to the State Constitution repealing what was known as Section 9, of Article IX., whereby it is now possible for railroad companies chartered

outside Oklahoma to acquire intrastate railroads chartered in Oklahoma. This provision of the Constitution had brought railroad building to a standstill in Oklahoma, practically from the time of Statehood, in 1907. The people twice voted down a similar amendment.

The moderation of anti-corporation feeling is fully understood only where the peculiar reasons for the intensity of the old feeling are known:

Oklahoma came to Statehood at a time when the citizens of both Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory were incensed over conditions which they had been unable to control. Oklahoma had existed under a limited form of self-government since the day it was opened to settlement, but was overshadowed by the guardianship of Congress and the bureaucracy of Washington departments. Indian Territory had no self-government, and Washington was supreme. In both Territories corporation influences were dominant. The railroads virtually regulated themselves in their dealings with the local public; were more powerful than the people in directing Federal appointments to office, and dictated most of the corporation laws that were enacted. When Statehood arrived, the people were bent upon retaliation.

How much of the present attitude of mutual respect between people and corporations has been the result of a growth of the understanding, by each side of the other's point of view, obtained by getting together, first in a good, hard fight, and then in talking it all over together, is shown by the following:

Perhaps no recent change is more noticeable than the one affecting public service corporations, notably the railroads. It was once popular for public officials and politicians to denounce and antagonize the public service corporations at every opportunity. Every complaint against one of these corporations was followed by the halting of their officials before the State Corporation Commission, where they were "rawhided" in a disgraceful manner. There was open war between the commission and the corporations, and the latter appealed to the courts whenever possible. The State Supreme Court, where many of these issues were tried, rendered decisions that won the respect and confidence of both the corporations and the people. But incessantly the Corporation Commission in the exercise of what may be termed discretionary powers, harassed the corporations. It seemed as if an amicable ground upon which the corporations and the commission could work would never be reached. The corporations distrusted the commission, and the latter believed that the corporations were always dealing from under the table.

Fortunately for both the corporations and the people, this situation has become clarified. The commission about eighteen months ago promulgated five important commodity rates, and the railroads at once appealed to the State Supreme Court, and gave a supersedeas bond to reimburse shippers for overcharges if the decision should be in favor of the Commonwealth. The hearing before the commission was costly to the railroads, as the presence of many officials, high salaried lawyers, and expert employees was required.

There were persons who thought that the continuous rows between the corporations and the commission were foolish and unbusinesslike. A proposal was made that the Presidents of the railroads involved and the members of the commission should meet in a closed room and fight it out from a common-sense standpoint, without the aid of lawyers. Neither side believed that the other would consent to such a meeting, but such a meeting was held in St. Louis; both sides played fair, and when the conference was finished a mutual understanding had been reached that prevails at this time. The railroads accepted the proposed commodity rates after some modifications had been made. The suit was dismissed, and overcharges amounting to several hundred thousand dollars have been paid back to shippers.

Since the St. Louis meeting the railroads and the commission have been dealing with each other in the frankest manner. When a complaint is lodged with the commission, the matter is rarely carried into court, and usually is adjusted in a satisfactory manner by correspondence. Sometimes the railroads admit their error, and at other times convince the commission that they are right.

Business

More Letters to Illustrate the Temper in Which Merchants and Manufacturers Accept the Future Since the Enactment of the Underwood Tariff Bill

MORE letters from heads of important business concerns in different parts of the country came to THE ANNALIST last week in reply to the letter sent out to ascertain what was the temper of business following the enactment of the new tariff law. THE ANNALIST's letter read:

(1) *From your own point of view, what will be the outlook for business in 1914 under the new tariff?*

(2) *Will the volume of business rise or fall, and why?*

(3) *Will the margin of profit widen or shrink, and why?*

We take leave to ask you these questions both because of the intrinsic interest in your opinion and because it is important to know the state of mind among merchants and manufacturers.

The same diversity of opinion shown in last week's instalment of letters appears in the replies printed below, but expectation of good trade seems to preponderate:

EDWARD A. FILENE, the Boston merchant, says that next year will see the beginning of a great tide of national prosperity:

My opinion is that the year 1914 will see the beginning of the greatest business boom this country has ever known. This era of extraordinary prosperity, in my judgment, will last for a long time, although there may be temporary lulls or even setbacks due to overspeculation and the eagerness which will manifest itself in other forms to take advantage of this long-delayed boom. I believe it will not be stopped for long, even by the usual pre-election disturbances which are likely to take place three years hence.

This is the first time since 1907 that I have been willing to make so optimistic a prediction. On the contrary, on several occasions, during the last six years, when an appearance of unusual prosperity has been fostered and brought to public attention as a sign of more prosperous times, I have stated both publicly and privately that the time was not ripe for a sustained boom. I based this opinion on the fact that the only method we had, under the prevailing conditions, of stopping the overspeculation and pressure of great business activity peculiar to times of prosperity were these very periodical depressions, and that the 1907 depression was aborted before it had time to do its work. As long as five years ago I made a public statement that, in my opinion, until the next Presidential election was held no permanent improvement in business conditions could be looked for. Then inevitably a different party would come into power which must deal with the tariff and the banking and currency question and put them on a stable footing.

We have now had six years of "going slow" in business enterprises, and during this time the country's resources have been growing until they have reached greater proportions than the country itself is aware of. We shall wake up to a sense of our real economic power and resources just as we woke to a sense of world power after the Spanish war.

What I mean in part is that what we have done so far has been done largely with the first generations of immigrants to our shores. Now the second, third, and fourth generations are crowding out upon us in great numbers, from the American schools, imbued with American "get-there-ness," and we are learning to use much of the economic power that was wasted in part in the first generations.

I might illustrate by relating a conversation I had with Merriam, the head of the Biological Survey, when I was coming from San Francisco to Boston a few years ago. Merriam has traveled all over this country for thirty or forty years and has studied these conditions which I am pointing out, and he is one of the best posted and biggest authorities on such matters, although he is too unassuming for it to be generally known. He said to me: "Mr. Filene, you are interested in these problems; here we are a few hours out of San Francisco; look out of the window and tell me what are

these people you see at the stations along the way." I said, "Why, they are Americans." He said, "You're right. Now to-morrow, as we get up among the foothills, I shall ask you to look again and tell me what you see." And true to his word, he did ask me and I looked out of the window and there, in every little southern exposure where there was a patch of fertile land which had been formerly neglected, now was a smiling little farm; and he said, "What people are these?" and I said, "These are Greeks and Italians." It was true. These people, with a wonderful spirit of determination, a genius for making much of little, and a great appreciation of opportunity which they had brought from their alien lands, had made the waste places of that country into a land of prosperity. Merriam assured me that scarce one of these small farms did not return at least a net profit of three or four hundred dollars per year. That explained what I had been told in San Francisco—that the proprietors preferred to have the immigrants settle upon their land, rather than the native population.

I believe that the Tariff law which has just been passed will have very little adverse effect upon our business prosperity. By next year the necessary adjustments will have been made by our manufacturers, and, in my mind, there is enough tariff left to give our business men all the advantage they need—especially when you add to this the cost of transportation, which must be added to all imports. Moreover, our vocational training for the trades is going to be a big factor, and we are carrying this forward to a greater extent than any other country in the world, even Germany, although we got our idea from her.

In talking with some of the biggest statesmen and business men in Germany this Summer I found that they are entirely in agreement with me in these respects. They acknowledge that, though for a short time their exports to this country may largely increase, the effect of our new laws and specialization in the end must tend to increase our ability to ship to the markets of the world. With this ability will come the power to find a market for our surplus in times of depression here, and thus make it possible to maintain a more stable market for our products in our own country.

For these reasons I feel sure that with the adjustments of the new tariff and the better and more flexible banking, currency, and credit systems which I think are practically assured us in the near future, our business prosperity must increase very largely within a short time, and that the outlook for 1914 is for the best, and that there is more danger, strange to say, at present of underestimating it than of overestimating it.

LOUIS M. MONHEIMER, head of the Famous & Barr Company, department stores, St. Louis, thinks prices may recede, but that this will not affect prosperity:

I believe the year 1914 will be the most prosperous in the history of this country. We are making plans for the most extensive business we have ever enjoyed.

We can see no reason why the new tariff will affect conditions. We believe with the general trend of the times people buy what they want when they can afford to make the purchase. The fact that they can buy better merchandise for less money, in the opinion of the writer, simply means that people are going to dress better and use better merchandise. The merchant with a heavy stock will suffer, in so far as his profits will shrink to a certain extent in meeting new conditions, but this loss will be only temporary, and we believe will be offset by the enormous increase in business which will more than reflect this loss.

J. Y. MILLAR, Secretary and Treasurer of the California Cotton Mills Company, Oakland, Cal., is outspokenly pessimistic:

We note that you wish us to give our point of view of what will be the outlook for business in 1914 under the new tariff.

In reply to this inquiry we beg to state that we have an object lesson in our own business here which points to the fact that our industry here has already suffered from the tariff legislation that has been going on for the past five or six months in Washington, and now that the bill has passed we find that it hits our industry pretty hard, as some of the jute products that we are manufacturing are put on the free list, and this will of necessity stop us from manufacturing these lines of goods, as at the present time it would not be possible with the wages that we pay here to compete with foreign importations.

We cannot say yet how it may affect our cotton manufacture, which is the largest part of our business, but in our jute department it will very

likely necessitate the discharge of a great many of our work people, and this will likely take effect very shortly.

Judging from this, and knowing how it will affect a great many industries, we do not think the outlook for business will be very good in 1914, although we sincerely trust that we may be mistaken in our opinion.

We consider that this new Tariff bill should be properly named as follows, viz.: "A bill to curtail the employment of American labor, to reduce the wages thereof, and to injure American industries; also to stimulate and encourage foreign manufacturing." We feel sure that ultimately, and possibly very shortly, this will be its effect.

J. M. GIDDING & CO. of New York and Cincinnati, manufacturers of fashionable clothing for women, reply thus hopefully:

Our volume of business this Fall is the largest we have had and I see no reason why it should fall off.

We anticipate that, after all important questions are settled, business will go better unless something serious happens, such as war, or anything that is not on the horizon, turns up. Collections have been rather quiet, due perhaps to the general contraction of money by the consumers, but we believe that as the Fall season advances the people will get busy and have more time to dilate on these matters than during the Summer.

Again we wish to say that we expect the largest Fall business the country has ever seen.

CHARLES C. RICHARDSON of the Richardson Paper Company, Lockland, Ohio, speaks for better business, but with qualifications:

I believe the outlook for business for 1914 is better than it has been for the year 1913, for the reason that all business has been waiting for the disposal of the tariff question, and there has been a noticeable falling off every month for the last four or five months, so that business is not in a very normal condition at present. This has been largely due to the discounting of the passing of the Tariff bill and the uncertainty of just what the policy of the new Administration will be.

The volume of business should rise as soon as this restraint has been removed. In fact for several years past the general business of the country has been largely curtailed, hampered, and held back because of the many obstacles that have been presented, in freak legislation in Congress and the various State Legislatures; the growing tendency to investigate, regulate, prosecute, and in some instances persecute all business corporations and firms of any size or importance. With the abandonment of this sentiment and policy the natural growth of our country should largely increase the volume of business, in spite of the new tariff and the many other obstacles that have been placed in its path. For this reason I believe the volume of business will rise.

Regarding the margin of profit, the only law which fixes that is the law of supply and demand. Should the volume of business increase, for the reasons above stated, the margin of profit will continue very nearly the same. Should the volume of business fall, the margin of profit will be very much less and outside competition now possible under the new tariff will be quickly felt.

In stating plainly my views, I do not want you to think that I am a pessimist; on the contrary, I have great faith in the future development of our country, and believe that public sentiment is already changing and we shall soon return to a sane and conservative basis. I hope and believe the disease has run its course and the patient will make a recovery.

JAMES J. HOOKER, President of the Putnam-Hooker Company, cotton goods commission merchants of Cincinnati, says:

From our experience 1913 is likely to show all of 25 per cent. gain over any previous year, and we see nothing in the working of the new tariff to affect this unless favorably for 1914.

The writer has just returned from a trip around the world and cannot but think that the proper appreciation of the world's markets should result in an enlargement of our trade with those served in part by the United States by our manufacturers and exporters. The Panama Canal will be a great factor in bringing this about.

The proposed currency legislation, including the provision for foreign branches for national banks of large capital, should be enacted into the law and be of great future importance.

The enlargement of the Chinese market, which may not be effective to any appreciable extent in

1914, has in it immense possibilities, the importance of which cannot be exaggerated.

Interests that have been unduly protected under the Republican Party policy may have their profits affected, but we look for no violent change or injury to any industry after adjustments are made to the new conditions. Competition is the life of trade, and we are not likely to be injured permanently by any increase in competition coming from abroad.

JOHN H. KIRBY, President of the Kirby Lumber Company, Houston, Texas, thinks that, economically, the new tariff should help business, but suggests that trade may be sentimentally affected for a while:

No doubt American business for 1914 will be largely affected by the new tariff.

The writer, being a Democrat and having faith in his party, believes that the volume of business will rise because freed from the restricted burdens of excessive taxation. He further believes that upon the average the margin of profits will shrink because the capital now engaged in what has heretofore been protected industry will have difficulty in taking care of itself and as the volume of business in those lines contributes to the entire volume of American business there will necessarily be appreciable shrinkage in the average margin of profit.

We write entirely of the business of manufacturing and wholesaling. It may be that the retailers are so thoroughly organized that there will be no shrinkage in the margin of their profits, in fact there may be large expansion.

So far as our business is concerned, lumber, we do not look for any considerable expansion. In fact we rather anticipate shrinkage in both the volume and profits, for the reason that a very large percentage of the owners of capital in this Republic believe in protective theories of taxation in so far as the tariff is concerned, and they will not have confidence in the progress or prosperity of the country under the new tariff law, and business in all building lines will become somewhat lethargic, and when that is true the volume of lumber consumed is always lessened.

Placing lumber on the free list will have no effect upon the industry, as, in our opinion, substantially no more lumber will be imported than was done under the old law, where the tariff levy was only \$1.25 per thousand feet.

J. L. JOHNSON, speaking for Iver Johnson's Arms and Cycle Works, Fitchburg, Mass., says:

It would presumably be natural that business might fall some under the new tariff. It seems reasonable to think that more goods might be imported than at the present time, simply because the restrictions will be such that the duties will be lower, therefore goods can be brought in cheaper.

It also would seem as though the margin might shrink a bit with the general proposition of endeavoring to meet competition. However, we don't believe but what there will be a fair business. Looking ahead for 1914 at least, with good crop reports, a prosperous country, it hardly seems as though any reasonable tariff arrangement could stop progress in this country.

FORBES & WALLACE, Springfield, Mass.:

We expect good business in 1914. Nineteen hundred and thirteen has been very good with us and we compare with a dozen or more concerns throughout the country and they have all had an increase in business. We think the tariff has been anticipated; and undoubtedly the manufacturing interests of the country are bound to do well because stocks everywhere to-day are very low, anticipating low prices on account of the tariff, and just as soon as it is settled there will be a rush to fill up, thus creating business all around. The saving on imported goods will not be so much as is expected because foreign manufacturers without doubt will get a better profit.

L. D. SALE, President of the Western Drug Company of Los Angeles, Cal., sees no reason for fearing the tariff

We see no reason why there should be any general change in business conditions on account of the new tariff. Whatever differences may arise, in our opinion, will soon be adjusted.

Prospects for an increase in the volume of business on the Pacific Coast have never been better than at the present time. As far as margin of profit is concerned, we can only speak from the jobbers' standpoint, and regret to advise that the general tendency is for a shrinkage on the gross profits. This, coupled with a continued increase in general expenses, does not look altogether encouraging.

On the Other Side of the Payroll

The Case of the Railroads in Opposition to the Demands of the Conductors and Brakemen for More Wages — An Arbitration Now Closing in Which Some Unusual Statistics Have Appeared

By HENRY ALBERT

ON Friday, Oct. 10, testimony and argument were concluded in the arbitration proceedings of the conductors and trainmen in their demands against the Eastern railroads for increased wages and certain modifications in working conditions. The hearings had been in progress more than four weeks, a period twice the length required for any previous arbitration. The court will convene on Wednesday, Oct. 15, to receive briefs by the two parties, and will announce its awards by the 26th, which is the legal limit of forty-five days from the first sitting.

In presenting the trainmen's side of the case a number of men testified as to the danger, difficulty, and laborious nature of the work in their respective locations. Elisha Lee, counsel for the railroads, in opening his case, declared to the arbitrators that the conditions as described by these men were not typical, but applied only to an insignificant proportion of the Eastern roads. For four days, therefore, he called trainmasters and similar officers to describe operating situations as seen by them. As might be anticipated, these latter pictured selected gilt-edge conditions on banner roads, just as the former complained of hard and unfortunate phases of service in mine and mountain sections. Both are abnormal. Each set of witnesses offset the other, and neither proved anything. Finally the board expressed dissatisfaction with such a method of developing evidence of real value, by stating that "the arbitration is getting nowhere" and "we are merely wasting time." It was therefore agreed to abandon such testimony, and the time remaining was given to presentation, interpretation and discussion of exhibits and charts whose purpose was to make comprehensive showings of relevant elements in railroad operation.

The question of the increase or decrease of accidents in a twenty-year period produced a small storm every time the subject appeared. Agreement was absolutely impossible as to the effect of modern safety appliances on the occupational hazard, especially in view of the vast growth in size and capacity of cars and trains. Every chart or statistical table on this phase of the problem was attacked both as to accuracy of data and as to value of deductions.

THE ARBITRATORS DISSATISFIED

Throughout the sessions the commission repeatedly indicated dissatisfaction over the trend of the testimony, which had only remote bearing on the real questions at issue. On many occasions they urged counsel to introduce evidence on the two or three vital matters. On one of these—overtime labor—testimony has been adequate, but on the other two such has not been the case.

On the last day but one of the hearings, the Chairman, Mr. Seth Low, read a prepared statement, copies of which were also handed to counsel for both sides. This statement was as follows:

I understand that there are two large questions before this board:

1. The men claim that they should receive the rates of pay ruling on the level territory in the West without regard to any differences of conditions now existing. The railroads admit that rates of pay are higher in the West, but claim that differences in conditions justify the differences in rates.

2. A readjustment of pay for conductors and trainmen was made as recently as 1910. The men claim that, notwithstanding an advance in rates then made, the present demand for an increase in rates is justified. The railroads claim that nothing has occurred since 1910 to justify any further adjustment.

Before either side closes its case I hope that the men will develop as fully as possible why they think, if they do, that differences in conditions between the East and the West either do not exist, or if such conditions do exist, why they do not justify the differences in rates; also, what in their judgment has taken place since 1910 to justify a further increase in rates.

And I hope that the railroads will develop as fully as possible what are the differences of conditions between the East and the West which make it reasonable to have lower rates in the East than in the West; and also why they believe that nothing has transpired since 1910 to justify a present further increase of rates.

I think the hearing of technical rules has been

very fully made by both sides, so that even the lay members of the board understand what is involved, and I shall be glad if each side will satisfy itself that it gets into the record all the testimony that it conceives to be of importance bearing on these larger questions, and, further, that when they submit their proofs in their arguments they will devote themselves fully to what I call these large aspects of the question. For I want to bring concretely before both counsel what seems to me to be the large questions upon which this board must pass.

On these questions the board must satisfy its own conscience and the public judgment in our decision. I do not want either side to let these questions go by default, either in the matter of testimony or in the matter of argument.

SINCE 1910

To justify increases over the increases of 1910 Mr. Garretson harked back to ideas repeatedly expressed during the four weeks, chiefly to the intent that the 1910 increase was not all the men asked, that workers never have been and never will be satisfied, and that so long as the railroads pay dividends the employees will demand more pay. The discussion centring about this subject was one of the most enlightening of the whole hearing. For Mr. Garretson quite frankly revealed the endless chain process of demanding increases in different territories successively, using victory in one as a leverage for others, and with equal honesty he declared that such demands are to be repeated both in the East and in the West and South. As a counter-argument against the proposed increase the railroads offered evidence that since 1902 wages in the East have increased more rapidly and in larger percentages than increase in tonnage, increase in gross revenue or in net income. They also held that no improvement in railway prosperity had occurred since 1910, but that the net income for the three years showed an opposite tendency. They also maintained that the cost of living had passed the high point and that any argument on this basis was groundless.

In support of the claim that wages in the East should be the same as in the West, Mr. Garretson himself presented the chief testimony.

Owing to his unique acquaintance with the entire United States in transportation affairs, he effectively established his thesis that railroading, in a large sense and subject to local conditions, is to-day almost uniform in its requirements from the men over the area east of the Rocky Mountains. He was not so successful, however, in his undertaking to prove that wages in the entire area should be uniform. On this point he had less supporting information for his effort. Nor was he able to rebut or meet the array of facts from the opposite side, who showed that in every other craft wages west of Chicago are 12 to 22 per cent. above those east of that city. By several citations from Government and sociological investigations the railroads made apparent that wage differentials do exist whereby the East pays less than the West, and quite naturally they insist that this justifies a different scale in railroad pay. Despite the suggestion of the board for conclusive proof, this part of the trainmen's case has had inadequate demonstration.

Mr. R. D. Tompkins, Secretary of the council of building trades in Greater New York, as a witness, was the occasion of a long discussion comparing railroad work with the work of the building trades. He was called to compare wages and hours on duty per day or per week, but his presence brought to light the essential and fundamental contrasts with railroad work. In particular there was developed the fact that railroading is altogether an outside, as contrasted with an inside, occupation, and that its very nature includes frequent situations where neither foresight nor care can prevent delays and accidents and, consequently, irregular hours and over-time service ensue.

UNUSUAL STATISTICS

The railroads, through the conference committee of managers, presented a large number of exhibits, some of which possess peculiar value. Ordinarily a statistician is dependent for data upon the published reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which are about two years old when issued, and from which it is often impossible to gather exactly what may most be desired. In this particular case, however, the conference managers were able to secure directly from the fifty-two roads complete information covering items as required on forms especially designed for this arbitration, and in point of time bringing the information to the end of last August.

They showed the number of men on the pay rolls distributed as to class of employment, length of service and other relations. In previous arbi-

trations the theoretical or possible earnings of men have caused endless discussion, and at best have been easily discredited as inconclusive evidence. In the present dispute, however, any such difficulty is removed. Each railroad of the fifty-two has shown for all men of each group for the year 1912 the number of days worked, hours on duty per day, overtime in excess of such regular hours, miles of road covered, and wages earned. The amount in detail in these exhibits coupled with the fact that they represented not estimates or guesses, but compilation of the actual wages and services of seventy-five thousand men for a full year period on each of fifty-two roads sets a new standard for statistical testimony. Further than this, the month of October, 1902, was compiled in just the same way for each detail. By contrasting the results with the same items for October, 1912, the charts furnished ready comparison of changes in the ten-year period. Other information of like character was shown with the same precision, such, for instance, as the actual cost to the companies of the 1910 increases as granted. The whole set of figures bore a conviction as to integrity and definiteness that was refreshing, in contrast to the second-hand and regrouped tables on which statisticians usually must work.

In the engineers' arbitration of 1912 an effort was made by the board to devise a sound method to calculate the cost of proposed increases. Statisticians of the roads, the men, and of the board itself finally agreed upon a basis for such estimates, and this basis has been adopted in the present instance. The wages of each employee for each road were taken for the month of October, 1912, as indicating the cost under the existing scale. Then for the same men in the same month the wages are computed, using the demanded scale, whether for regular time, overtime, or extra service. The percentage of increase is thus easily reached, which, multiplied into the year's payroll, will give the cost of the increases. This method eliminates guesses and "allowances" in estimating the cost of proposed increases, and effectually takes the inflation out of exaggerated statements of either party.

There was also presented a most admirable digest of the rules and regulations affecting conductors and trainmen, showing wages for each of the eighteen grades of work, together with overtime pay, hours of duty per day, days per month, description of required service where such service differs, and many other factors. Each of these subjects was elaborated for 111 railroads in the United States, of which fifty-two are Eastern, seventeen Southern, and forty-two Western. The whole made a printed folio volume of several hundred pages, the summaries being supported by full details in every particular.

A COMPETENT WITNESS

The railroad exhibits were presented by Mr. J. G. Walber, who is in charge of the department of discipline and wages for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Mr. Walber by his ready and accurate knowledge of the railroads of the country became an illuminating witness. Logical and definite in statement, with ability for finding quick illustration and examples, he was peculiarly apt in explanation or interpretation. By use and study of the books of regulations and the statistics of the 111 roads, he could discuss definitely and intelligently the numerous complex problems involved in such an arbitration.

Opposed to him was A. B. Garretson, President of the Conductors' Brotherhood. Mr. Garretson for twenty-five years has been identified with his present work, dealing with the grievances and demands of the men over the entire country, and negotiating with officials of the companies in hundreds of matters. He possesses an uncommon accumulation of first-hand knowledge of conditions, coupled with a wonderful memory. His honesty and fairness are always in evidence, but so great is his zeal for his cause that he never allows an assertion against the trainmen to go unchallenged. He often sheds light on doubtful points by his ability to relate the circumstances incident to the making, or the phrasing, of a rule or a regulation of whose origin others knew nothing.

Both these men are blessed with a ready wit and abounding good nature. Mr. Garretson by his keen questioning demonstrated the accuracy and completeness of Mr. Walber's exhibits, while the latter in turn pitted exact rules and figures against Mr. Garretson's generalizations. The four days devoted to these discussions were probably the most profitable days in the four weeks of the hearings, for these two men were competent to debate intelligently the questions at issue in relation to the United States as a whole or in relation to any single railroad. Throughout this time neither found the other seriously at fault in his facts, and

on that account their opposite view point gave value to the discussions. Later in the hearings, Mr. Garretson occupied the witness chair, and for half a day bore evidence as to conditions of living and of work in the East as compared with the West and South. The testimony was convincing, largely for the reason that at all points his knowledge was first-hand and personal, and was illustrated by a wealth of descriptions, as well as anecdotes.

TIME AND OVERTIME

One demand made by the men is in regard to overtime work, coupled with a request for a ten-hour day throughout the Eastern territory. The ten-hour day already is established on most roads, but without a single exception in the United States the railroads pay for overtime hours at the same rate as for the ten hours in the standard day. The new demand is for time and a half for overtime, fractional hours to be computed as hours. The counsel for the employees insist that the practice of requiring overtime work is inhuman, and that the demand was framed not for the purpose of the added earnings to the men, but for the sole end of eliminating such overtime service by punishing the railroad through an excessive rate of pay. They aim to stop the custom by making its continuance uneconomical. The roads, on the other hand, reply that such compensation is a temptation to soldiering on the part of crews, especially as their distribution over many miles of road prevents supervision. They also contend that railroading is essentially different from all other businesses, and that its peculiar character makes it beyond human possibility to control the train delays which necessitate long hours. The question has provoked endless debate and some warm discussion. In supporting their side, the railroads secured from each of the fifty-two interested roads the record of every late train for one month of 1912. In each case the month selected was that in which the particular road had the most delays. The exhibit made therefore the worst possible showing. Seventy-five trains of each ten thousand operated were thus found to exceed the requirement of the sixteen-hour laws.

In 1910 the same demand for time and a half for overtime work was presented in the Chicago arbitration, and it was not allowed by the commission. The arbitrators in their findings said:

It is argued that the punitive overtime charge is the only means of limiting the hours of labor, and that such a charge is of practically universal application in all organized industries. Evidence has also been presented to the effect that the custom in all transportation services is to pay for overtime on a pro rata and not a punitive basis.

Conditions in the transportation service differ from those in the shop or in the building trades. Unexpected causes create delays of such an extent that a run may be protracted to, say, fourteen hours.

In such a case the crew is not called upon to perform 40 per cent. more labor (on a ten-hour day basis,) as would be the case in a shop, but it is required to spend 40 per cent. more time in performing the same amount of labor. To that extent, therefore, the railroad is already penalized for the delay, and it does not seem proper to this board that in the transportation service further pecuniary penalty should be assessed.

In facing a decision in this matter the present arbitration commission may introduce an entirely new condition into the railway world. This will be true in case the demand is allowed in whole or in part. In six recent wage movements a similar demand has come from the men, but in each instance it has not been granted.

CHEAPER OCEAN CARRIAGE

London Regards This as a Possibility Resulting from the Panama Canal

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 1.—In spite of the efforts of the Culebra Cut, the opening of the Canal comes very near, and as it comes its consequences grow clearer. A possibility now suggests itself that may affect the North Atlantic trade. There are lines of steamships that run hence eastward to China and Japan, and return thence westward. Their business on the return journey is not worth half that going out. Among such may be mentioned the Holt Line of Liverpool. When the Canal opens it seems likely that they may find it worth while to do as certain lines running to Australia and New Zealand now do, and complete the circumnavigation. The New Zealand lines come home around the Horn. Those running to Japan, it is suggested, would bring their empty ships through the Canal, and call at North American ports for freight home across the Atlantic. If that comes to pass, there is a fresh boomer in store for the North Atlantic pool.

More Meat from the Small Farmer

The Department of Agriculture Thinks an Increase in the Supply Can Come Only from the Little Farm, and Why

Last week The Annalist showed how the meat supply of the United States is dwindling so rapidly that unless something is soon done to increase the supply the great working class of the nation will, according to one authority, have to go on a diet of rice and potatoes.

The Federal Department of Agriculture has been for some time considering the problem of how to bring about such an increase, and has finally constructed an elaborate programme which, if worked out, it believes will bring the desired result.

The principal features of the plan are:

1. The establishment of municipal abattoirs throughout the country.
2. The raising of stock by small farmers.
3. The formation of co-operative live stock associations by the farmers of New England, the South Atlantic States, and the Middle West.
4. The formation of boys' pig clubs, similar to the boys' corn clubs, which the department has been fostering for several years.

The whole plan is obviously intended to encourage the small farmer to raise cattle. There is, according to Secretary Houston, a widespread belief among them that the raising of cattle is unprofitable, and since any material increase in the meat supply must come from this source the principal difficulty will be to educate the farmer out of that belief. But first it will be necessary to provide a market where the farmer may readily dispose of his product. Assistant Secretary Galloway of the Department of Agriculture recently expressed his opinion of how this can be done, when he said:

The solution of the whole problem depends, in my estimation, upon the establishment of abattoirs by the smaller municipalities of the country, to which the farmer can go and dispose of his live stock, have it slaughtered, and have it held for favorable markets.

There is now one of these abattoirs in Paris, Texas, and it has been most successful. Another is contemplated by the municipality of Alexandria, Va. They are common all over Europe, especially France, but so far have been little thought of in this country.

Under present conditions the farmer has no competitive market. This plan will provide one. Now, the farmer has to depend almost altogether upon stock buyers, who come through the country at irregular periods. Having no competition, the buyer pays the minimum price, often so low that the farmer finds he has actually incurred a loss in raising his cattle. The reason is that the distance from producer to the ultimate consumer is too great and too many profits must be made. Mr. Galloway thinks that the elimination of the middlemen will solve the problem:

The real issue is that the farmer will produce cattle as soon as he finds it a profitable business. He is not on the farm from charitable motives, but from business motives. The great question with him is: Will it pay? As long as crops are more salable than cattle, he will raise and sell crops. Once he is convinced that cattle are more salable than crops, he will raise both crops and cattle, feed the former to the latter, and then sell the cattle.

We are doing many things such as have been suggested at the Chicago convention of beef packers. Chief among them is to increase the beef production by small farmers. The time has passed when this country can depend on the large ranches of the Far West for its meat supply. In the future we shall have to look to the small farmer—by whom I mean the farmer with average sized farms in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, the South, and the Middle West. There is abundant opportunity in these sections to increase the number of cattle raised annually and the department is ready to assist.

The cattle tick is being eradicated in the South, and as soon as it goes entirely I look for that part of the country to find cattle raising most profitable. We now have 10,000 square miles in which the tick is gone.

The department looks to the farmer's boy to do his share:

The supply of hog meat, though not decreasing so rapidly as beef, is in danger, and the department believes it has found a way in which to increase the supply materially. That is by the development of boys' pig clubs. Several years ago we started boys' corn clubs all over the country, and now have over 200,000 boys raising corn each year.

The Amphibious Union Pacific

An Interesting Analysis of the Company's Position and Prospects, and Why the Rumors of a Big Cash Distribution, Called in Wall Street a Melon, Have Been Disbelieved in Amsterdam

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 1.—The recent advances in Union Pacific after the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific combination has given rise to the question, What will be the effect on the revenue account of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and what the consequences to shareholders? From the rise in the stock, it must be inferred that the dissolution is favorably regarded by the market, but is the market point of view correct? From what we learn, the rise may be due to speculation as to the probabilities of an extra dividend out of the proceeds of the sale of Southern Pacific stock.

One of the objections made against big purchases of stock by the Union Pacific under the Harriman regime, was that the business of the company had gradually got an amphibious character. It was at once a railroad operating company and an investment company. By the sale of Southern Pacific stock an opportunity is offered to return to the sole business of railroading. In case it should dispose of the big lots of marketable securities which it has in its treasury it would still be in a position to distribute a reasonable dividend among its shareholders out of the profits of the railroad.

Operating revenues over expenses and taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, amounted to \$34,941,966, and after deducting fixed and other charges of \$16,262,413, and a 4 per cent. dividend on preferred stock of \$3,981,740, there remains a balance of \$14,697,813, equal to about 6% per cent. on the common stock.

UNION PACIFIC'S INCOME FROM STOCKS

Income from investments and other sources besides transportation amounted for the same period to \$17,918,652, or 8 1/4 per cent. on the common stock. This item is probably made up as follows:

	Dividends.	Equals.
\$32,334,200. Baltimore & Ohio.....	6%	\$1,940,052
7,200,400. Baltimore & Ohio pf.....	4%	288,256
4,018,700. Chicago Northwestern.....	7%	281,309
1,845,000. Chic., Milw., & St. Paul pf.....	7%	129,150
22,500,000. Illinois Central.....	7%	1,575,000
17,857,000. N. Y. Cent. & Hudson River 5%		892,855
1,936,900. Railroad Securities pf....	4%	77,460
126,650,000. Southern Pacific.....	0%	7,599,000
 Total		 \$12,783,082

adding to which the dividends on shares which have no free market, \$1,923,000, and interest collected or accrued on bonds, \$1,800,000; miscellaneous income, interest on loans, rentals, &c., \$1,412,570, we have in all \$17,918,652. Assuming that the Union Pacific management should decide to dispose gradually of the company's marketable investment stocks, the profit from the business of railroading alone available for common shareholders, \$14,697,813, as calculated above, might be increased by the miscellaneous income mentioned in addition to the eight stocks, to \$19,833,383, or equal to 9 1/2 per cent. on the common stock, against 15 per cent., which is now earned out of the operating income and income from investments.

Of course, the decrease in earning capacity would be counterbalanced by a large cash bonus, that could be paid to the shareholders out of the proceeds of the gradual sale of the company's investment stocks. From the above-mentioned marketable shares, \$88,357,600, Southern Pacific shares have already been sold at 92 per cent. Inasmuch as the Union Pacific in its preliminary statement of income account for the year ended June 30, 1913, has included the dividends accrued on the Southern Pacific stock since Jan. 1, 1913, in the income from investments, although in reality these dividends have gone to subscribers to the stock, the price of 92 has to be reduced by 4. A further deduction of 3 per cent. has to be made for syndicate commission and charges, leaving 85 as net selling price for the company, at which price the \$88,357,600 stock sold brought \$75,108,960.

SINCE THE "B. & O." TRADE

The remaining \$38,292,400 Southern Pacific has been exchanged for \$21,273,600 common and a like amount of preferred shares of the Baltimore & Ohio, formerly owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by which the amount of Baltimore & Ohio shares in the treasury of the Union Pacific

has been increased to \$53,607,800 common, and \$28,480,000 preferred shares. Taking these shares as well as the other marketable investment stocks at current market prices, and allowing a deduction of 5 per cent., because such big lots cannot be disposed of without a concession in price, we come to the following calculation:

\$53,607,800. Baltimore & Ohio at...	90%	\$48,247,020
28,480,000. Baltimore & Ohio pf. at	77%	19,126,800
4,018,700. Chic. & Northwestern at	125%	5,023,437
1,857,100. Ch., Milw., & St. P. pf. at	125%	2,321,375
22,500,000. Illinois Central at.....	105%	23,625,000
17,857,000. N. Y. Cent. & Hudson at	90%	16,071,300
1,936,900. Railroad Securities pf. at	70%	1,355,830
 Total		 \$115,774,762
\$10,343,000. Chicago & Alton pf. from		
which no income is de-		
rived, but which have a		
market value of about 20%		
		\$2,068,620
		 \$117,843,382
together with the pro-		
ceeds of the South Paci-		
fic sale.....		
		\$75,108,960
Making in all.....		 \$192,952,342

which should be available for distribution among shareholders.

EX-BONUS VALUE OF U. P.

How the preferred stock of the Union Pacific would fare in such distribution is still unknown. However, for the purpose of approximation, let us ignore the preferred stock. The common stock would then be entitled to a bonus of about 90 per cent. Taking the present price of the stock as a basis, the distribution would automatically mark down the price to about 70 per cent., which is certainly not high for a share, upon the nominal value of which 9 1/2 per cent. was earned during the last fiscal year, or equal to about 13 per cent. on the capital outlay. We believe this argument suffices to prove that in case the Union Pacific should return to its real purpose and gradually dispose of its marketable investments, the company would not show a bad figure in comparison with its competitors.

Now, will the company after its involuntary sale of Southern Pacific stock go on disposing of its other investment holdings? Frankly speaking, we do not think so. The recent exchange of Southern Pacific for Baltimore & Ohio is already an indication that the policy initiated under the Harriman regime will not be given up by the present management. Second, we cannot assume that at this time, when the railroads generally have great difficulty in obtaining money the Union Pacific would voluntarily part with large amounts of cash. In the third place, it is not the first time that the Union Pacific has sold part of its holdings without a single dollar going to the stockholders.

MIGHT DISTRIBUTE PROFITS ON STOCKHOLDINGS

There are people who think that the profit on the stock sold will be distributed. According to the statements to the Interstate Commerce Commission as of June 30, 1912, the value at which the \$126,650,000 Southern Pacific stock is entered in the books of the Union Pacific is \$93,200,437, or about \$73.50 per share, and 883,573 of these shares are now sold at \$85, showing a profit of \$11.50 per share, equal to \$10,161,089. Eliminating the preferred shares, this sum would suffice to pay an extra dividend of 4% per cent. on the common stock.

We do not think that the expectation of such an extra dividend will be realized. There is a precedent. At the time of the dissolution of the Northern Securities Company the Union Pacific made on its interest in that company a profit of \$45,586,800, but never distributed a cent of it. We cannot believe that this time another policy will be adopted, but that the management will act similarly as on the former occasion and that the profit will be treated as a credit against the cost of stocks and bonds, thus diminishing the book cost of all stocks and bonds by the amount of the profit realized on their sale.

THE STOCKHOLDER'S OUTLOOK

Now, will the earning power of the Union Pacific remain practically unchanged? Is it not simply a matter of reinvestment?

The announcement of the court decision, ordering the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific combination was followed up last year by a sharp break in the prices of Union Pacific stock on the belief that the Union Pacific, by itself, would be a weaker proposition than when linked up with the Southern Pacific. It was thought that when standing alone the Union Pacific could not hope to maintain the high standard of earning power established during the last ten years. The Union

Pacific has grown enormously by its intimate connection with the Southern Pacific, and therefore there is ground for the question: Will the Union Pacific operating revenue not be affected through the dissolution of the close traffic exchange alliance with the Southern Pacific?

It may be true, that the Union Pacific is now less dependent on the Southern Pacific for traffic than ten years ago, but a complete segregation of two corporations so closely connected for many years cannot take place without doing harm to one of them, if not to both. The short route of the Union Pacific to the Pacific Coast is over the Central Pacific, which forms still an integral part of the Southern Pacific, in which the Union Pacific has no longer a dominating interest. Rumors are current that the President of the Southern Pacific will fight any attempt of the Union Pacific to acquire the Central Pacific. The interests of both companies are no longer working in the same direction. Apart from this some of the financial results of the dissolution are not in favor of the Union Pacific income. The Southern Pacific stock has been sold at 85 per cent. To make the same yield of the proceeds, an investment must be found, giving at current market prices 7 per cent. interest. About one-third of the Southern Pacific shares have been exchanged for Baltimore & Ohio common and preferred. Besides the fact that the earning capacity of that company on its common stock is less than the Southern Pacific the possibilities for an advance on the value of the investment are diminished, there is a direct loss in income from the investment, calculated as follows:

382,924 shares Southern Pacific yielded 6 per cent., or \$20,754. They are exchanged for 212,736 common Baltimore & Ohio and 212,736 preferred Baltimore & Ohio, yielding together \$2,125,370, showing a loss on income of \$172,174. Taking that it will be possible to invest the proceeds of the Southern Pacific sale at 6 per cent. net, there will be an additional loss of 1 per cent., seven times \$88,357,600, (\$883,570.) Since the close of the fiscal year the Illinois Central has decreased its dividend from 7 per cent. to 5 per cent., making a difference of 2 per cent. on \$22,500,000 (\$450,000.) so that a loss in income from investments is forecast of \$1,505,700.

Unfortunately, the net revenues from the operation of the railroad since the close of the fiscal year are not encouraging. The loss in net revenue is to be attributed to higher cost of operation, and this, probably, will be repeated during the current year. There is fear as to the influence of smaller crops on the gross earnings.

Therefore, although the intrinsic position of the Union Pacific is undeniably strong enough to experience occasional setbacks and, it is admitted here, that there is no cause to have any concern as to the future of the company, yet our public do not understand the recent rise in the stock and are of the opinion that the dissolution of the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific combination will not work in favor of the latter company.

A BIG IRON YEAR IN ENGLAND

In Spite of the Legislation Complained of Profits Expanded

The steel and iron companies of Great Britain (both those who do and those who do not own collieries,) enjoyed unusual prosperity in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913. This fact is convincingly shown in the following table of profits and dividends last year and the year before:

Company.	Profits for 1911-12.	Profits for 1912-13.	Dividends for 1911-12.	Dividends for 1912-13.
Hy. Briggs, Son, & Co.	64,071	100,939	15	20
Samuel Fox & Co.	26,170	50,528	8	10
Normanby Ironworks...	7,207	8,747	4	7
Carnforth Hematite ...	13,398	18,023	10	12 1/2
Workington Co.	86,731	219,525	NIL	6
Bolckow, Vaughan	200,893	525,597	5	10
Staveley	109,240	341,997	10	25
Pearson and Knowles..	78,141	118,870	5	8
Coltness Co.	114,721	157,101	10	15
Tredgar Co.	68,370	127,169	6	10
Sheffield Forge....	15,909	26,514	10	12 1/2
Walter Scott.....	55,553	91,393	NIL	10
Warner & Co.	20,082	20,011	*35	*37 1/2
Insole's	19,148	51,308	10	*70
Dalmellington	41,480	52,416	7 1/2	10
Sheepbridge	90,579	244,960	10	20
Kayser, Ellison, & Co.	27,638	31,771	15	20
Consett	427,007	581,998	45	60
Pease and Partners....	142,244	384,529	8	12
			£1,617,642	£3,162,432

*Including bonus.

The profits given in the above table are those actually made in each year, and do not include the amounts brought forward.

The London Times reflects upon the state of mind of those who grow fat and kick: "Such a comforting state of things does not seem, at the first view, to warrant the jeremiads wherein several of the boards have given utterance to their view of the prejudicial effects of recent legislation."

Why Some Individuals Own Government 2s

Although There Are So Many Safe Investments That Yield Twice as Much or More, Private Investors Have Millions in Them.

Not all the people in the world are money-mad. Consider the individual holder of United States 2 per cent. bonds. He is a study in money psychology—out of the normal, if you will, because satisfied with less than is easily within his reach.

The rich and the poor are the two extremes who alone consider that they can afford to belong to the Government 2 per cent. class. Both are in the same company for the same reason—riddance of worry over their money. Yet they differ. The rich member doesn't want to be bothered managing his wealth. The poor doesn't want to be bothered trying to hang on to it. The great middle class, ready to take a moderate change, doesn't indulge in 2 per cents. They know better.

Only \$31,000,000 of the \$731,000,000 Government 2s are held outside of national banks, where they secure circulation and deposits. Other institutions—savings banks and insurance companies—probably hold more than half of the \$31,000,000 and individuals the remainder. "Window-dressing" was the motive that chiefly led institutions other than national banks to buy 2s. They did so after the refunding act of 1900, when Government bonds were the fashion for high-class institutions. It was impressive upon the out-of-town prospective investor to read of a \$5,000,000 or a \$10,000,000 holding of Government bonds in the statement of a savings bank or an insurance company. One of the best-known savings banks in this city once held \$10,000,000 Government bonds, among them 2s. The Hibernia Savings and Loan Association of San Francisco not many years ago held \$25,000,000 of Government bonds, among them 2s. The insurance companies used the Governments as deposit with State authorities, so that they could do business in various States. Most of the insurance companies and savings banks have got rid of their 2 per cent. bonds, substituting State and municipals, but a few of the more conservative still hold small amounts of them. The average price at which national banks, other institutions and individuals got their 2 per cents was between 105 and 106, it is estimated.

WHEN 2 PER CENTS WERE GOOD INVESTMENTS

It wasn't so much a sin against investment sense in those days for individuals or institutions other than national banks to buy 2s. In that period New York Central 3½s sold at 112, New York City 3s sold at a premium, and the range of investment beyond which it was thought one was straying outside the life lines was between 3 and 3½ per cent. The Secretary of the Treasury bought \$50,000,000 4s about 1902 to help the money market and paid 139% for them. It was only a moderately cautious and a very sound and praiseworthy investment then to buy Government 2s and not at all the spendthrift, extravagant thing it is now.

Most of the individuals who still hold Government 2s probably got them then. The primary impelling motive on the part of the wealthy who purchased 2s, according to the bond men, is the desire to have an absolute quick asset, a thing not actual money, but as near it as possible. Apparently it needs only the proposal of a currency bill to destroy the theory of a Government bond as a quick asset, when the price of the 2s hardly more than a month ago dropped to 95½, ten points below what most of them were bought at, and with no market.

Associated with this desire for a quick and ready asset, is the desire of a number of the rich who hold Government 2s to have a part of their fortune laid away as a reserve fund, in a form as nearly convertible as possible into ready cash and proof against heavy shrinkage.

"I don't care whether the interest is small or whether there is any interest or not on this part of my resources," was the way a man worth \$5,000,000 who had his reserve fund of \$900,000 in Governments, many of them 2s, phrased it. "As long as I know that whenever I want that money I can get pretty nearly what I paid for the bonds that is all I want."

A NEST-EGG; HANG THE INTEREST

Among the holders of 2s, there is the man who doesn't want to bother any more about his investments than he can help. He held the position—lately proved faulty—that the lowness of the interest paid on a Government 2 was a double guarantee against shrinkage of value. He cared little

about interest so long as after he made the investment he could forget about it. These wealthy investors in 2s are the retired business men, merchants and manufacturers, who forget so effectually about New York and security values that not even the bond dealer they intrust with their business sees them or hears from them except by infrequent letter or perhaps by 'phone. One man of this type, a wealthy retired carpet manufacturer, desired so much this release from care of management that at one time his fortune of approximately \$25,000,000 was invested to the extent of one-fifth in Government bonds.

The glamour of the Government is plainly a motive in the case of much holding of Government 2s. A bachelor with no responsibilities beyond his personal needs and with a modest competency of about \$100,000 had \$25,000 of it in Government bonds, 2s and 4s.

"I know that I can get a higher interest from other gilt-edged securities that are sound, and I know also that what you say about a further decline in Governments is true," he said to his broker, who urged him at the beginning of the recent decline in the 2s to sell out and get a better income on his money. "But I like Government bonds. I know that though they may decline, the Government has put its stamp on them that they are worth par. I have a feeling of assurance in a Government bond that I do not have in others, and so I'll hang on to what I have." He did, in spite of the decline.

DON'T KNOW MONEY GROWS

This type of man lacks confidence in his sense of money-value judgment as represented in securities. His situation approaches in a measure that of the man who is money-ignorant. Those who have saved earnestly and painfully are often ignorant of increasing their holdings and do not know what interest is. If they do, some have peculiar methods of reckoning it or attach only a nominal value. In this country, the poor do not invest widely in Government bonds, though in the recent decline bond dealers noticed a number of the Panama 3s that were offered originally in public subscription sent in for sale in denominations as low as \$20. One common form of ignorance of the value of bonds is illustrated by the man who evidently had appreciation of certain kinds of money values in his statement upon arrival at a prominent bond dealer's that he lived \$3.65 distant from Erie, Penn. He had no appreciation of what a yield meant. He had \$1,200 he wanted to invest in Governments and picked out the 4s. Bond men wrestled with him to show him that a 4 per cent. bond at 112 was considerably less than a 4 per cent. yield on his money. He could not see it, for by his method of reckoning he lost the mere matter of 4 per cent. for three years, and thereafter he got his 4 per cent. regularly.

There are, of course, those among the holders of Government 2s who increase their incomes by loaning the bonds to national banks to secure circulation. For this they obtain on the average 1½ to 2 per cent. in addition to the interest on the bonds, which represents a yield of about 1¾ per cent. at the levels most of the bonds were bought. The total income is therefore from 3½ to 3¾ per cent. Individual lending, however, is small, most of it being done by institutions.

Satisfaction in low interest yields is no longer the fashion. A few individuals, devotees of the 2 per cents, remain. They are daily becoming less and none is added.

An Inverted Currency Movement

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—Last month's currency outgo from this centre was the smallest for the month ever recorded, the currency records having begun in 1907, while the currency receipts from the country were the largest on record for September except a year ago, and the net loss on the month's movement was a low record for September. Currency receipts from the East were below normal. Treasury relief will appear in the October exhibit. Last October's shipments were more than \$27,000,000, the largest month of the year and the largest October on record since 1907, and the net loss was nearly \$18,000,000, also the largest on record since the panic year. Last October's currency receipts from the East were only \$1,200,000, the smallest in five years, whereas the receipts from the interior were nearly \$9,000,000, a high record for the period. There is no reason to expect any such flow of currency from Chicago this month, or much more, if any more, than last month, which was the heaviest this year except March. This year's currency shipments to date of \$120,500,000 are the heaviest for the period except a year ago, and the net loss of \$14,000,000 is close to the average of the period, although only one-third as much as a year ago.

Astigmatism of the Western Eye

The Outlook Upon Business Confused by Diverging Sentiments—Merchants Generally Are More Optimistic Than Manufacturers

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CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—There are three sorts of sentiment in business life—financial, industrial, mercantile—and generally they are more or less similar, often in unison. Seldom have they been more dissimilar than at present. Financiers seem depressed, while merchants as a class are hopeful. Industrial managers are dubious. Railroad managers and bankers throughout the West take their cue from financiers on one side and general business people on the other side, and so their sentiment is badly mixed. Western bankers are more inclined to look at the situation through commercial than through financial glasses. If it were not for their own peculiar troubles, the railroad officers would be pronounced optimists. They look for comparatively little decline in traffic, but they cannot see their way to adequate net earnings without higher rates or lower wages.

The West regarded this week's adverse rumors and comment from the East with considerable skepticism, although the bedraggled appearance of the stock market was disconcerting. Of all causes for the great variety of viewpoints the tariff comes first at the moment. Individual investors and small business men evince least concern over that, although they have become very cautious and discriminating. It is needless to consider speculators in any department because there are none. La Salle Street, as a banking and investment centre, anticipates material reductions in industrial prices to meet foreign competition, which is not expected to reach far into the interior or violently to unsettle wage schedules or dividends that have become recognized as established. Opinions vary widely on those points, however, especially with regard to the steel industry, which already has begun to curtail operations and reduce price lists. Chicago district mills have not been affected to anything like the degree that the Pittsburgh mills have been. Some blast furnaces at Gary have been banked and the South Chicago rail mill is on short time, but prices are fairly steady for finished and semi-finished products on raw material. Corporation and independent mills have enough orders remaining to operate comfortably into the new year, and prospects of some fair orders from railroads and other large customers. Manufacturers' opinion in general is that whatever disturbances lie ahead will be of short duration unless they misjudge the effect of tariff reductions and other unsettling factors.

CURRENT RAIL TRAFFIC

Car Loadings in the West Grow Larger, but Earnings Are Not in Keeping

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—Western traffic ended September and began October with fully 5 per cent. increase over a year ago, which is about all the volume that could be desired for proper and profitable handling at this time, with neither surplus nor shortage of cars in the aggregate. Already some troublesome car shortages are on hand in spots, especially the coal districts, and the load peak is ahead. Western lines are loading relatively more freight than the Eastern lines, and the latter show only nominal increase over a year ago. The Northwestern group naturally is better off than the Southwestern group, the September reports of which will show the effect of the drought upon net as well as upon gross earnings because there was much haul of water trains among other relief measures. Freight movements are irregular as to volume of various commodities, the most striking disparity being the continued heavy loading of live stock and the comparatively light movement of grain in the Southwest. There is equally striking uniformity in the recent percentages of increase over last year's loading by the roads in both groups, indicating less serious effect of drought upon the communities which sustained it than might have been and was expected. The most significant fact about current traffic everywhere is the sustained volume of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which more than anything else in loading classification represents the current daily needs of all. The sad fact is that earnings do not keep pace with tonnage and that net earnings are still away out of line with the gross.

London
Paris

Foreign Correspondence

Berlin
Amsterdam

MONEY stringency depressed the stock markets over the whole world last week. Everywhere trading was dull. There were general declines in prices. Even oil shares receded, and rubber stocks were among the weakest. London complained of a plethora of undigested bond issues. There were some other specific happenings that were depressing influences. Government and other securities of Brazil slumped everywhere. Mexican issues were even worse. In Germany, declining activity in the iron industry, with news of price cuts in America, affected the whole industrial list. Copper stocks wavered in Paris. The markets were all apprehensive of a further rise in the Bank of England discount rate.

UNDIGESTED FLOTATIONS IN LONDON

Underwriters Have Had to Take 85 Per Cent. of the Latest Three Big Issues

By Cable to The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 11.—After acute depression lasting over several days the markets ended the week idle and dull, awaiting Monday's fortnightly settlement. Anxiety is prevalent, due to three causes: First, the Brazilian slump, accompanied by a heavy fall in Government bonds and in railway and utility securities, causes continual forced liquidation here; also in Brussels and Paris.

Secondly, the markets have been overfed with big new issues. In the case of the latest three 85 per cent. on the average of each issue has been left on underwriters' hands. And there is £5,500,000 still under subscription.

Third, fresh Balkan financing causes liquidation here for the account of Paris. More than this, the Stock Exchange loan rate is rising and 4½ is expected on Monday.

Restriction of facilities for new issues is being urged in responsible quarters during the Brazilian and Mexican credit difficulties. There is only speculative activity, and that a trifle bearish in Americans and internationals and bullish in oil specialties. Money is 3½ for short loans, with discounts at 4%.

Money rates are rising on account of seasonal reasons and because of the prevalence of the idea that the Bank return foreshadows a 6 per cent. Bank rate. India, too, is expected to require more sovereigns.

In the labor situation there is a serious outlook. The cotton spinners announce a lockout covering the whole trade on the 25th instant unless the Bolton strikers return to work. But there is still ample time for a settlement.

The St. Petersburg loan of £2,200,000 4½ per cents at 93½ is not warmly received here. It is too much of a novelty, and it was quoted at a 2 per cent. discount in the City before the subscription lists opened. In general, all new business is unwelcome at present. Dullness and idle markets will be the rule this week, it is likely, while money rates rise and the holes made by the Balkan war and the Brazilian and Mexican slumps are filled up.

WAVERING IN PARIS

Market Takes Everything Philosophically and Cheerfully Waits Future Developments

By Cable to The Annalist

PARIS, Oct. 11.—The security market in Paris, likewise in London and Berlin, lacking political or economic guidance this week, wavered hopelessly, frightening away the public attendance in the Bourses, already very scanty. Operators and speculators hurried to unload their commitments, fearing another rise in the Bank of England's rate, the recent one having been considered ineffective to replenish the Bank's reserve.

Locally, the latest project of the Finance Ministry, to prohibit further Balkan issues until peace is really concluded, dispels the hopes the French banks had of demobilizing the Balkan bills, which would assist the money market.

London's alarming rumors about the Brazilian Government's difficulties depressed Paris. Wall Street's behavior did not seem to us to be in accordance with the copper statistics, and this caused a flurry in Rio Tinto shares. When these shares are weak there is no possibility of any general steadiness of the Bourse. Russian industrials were very nervous, the price of oil shares having fallen 4 points. Speculators were disheartened because they saw an interruption to the boom. Russian rentes are freely sold on an announcement that the Credit Lyonnais is about to issue 400,000,000 francs of 4½ per cent. Russian railroad bonds, guaranteed by the Imperial Government, are at about 94.

The Chinese election did not enliven the Chinese loan securities. Mexican revolutionary successes affected Mexican stocks of all kinds. Rubber shares remained low. The week's feature has been the weakness of Brazilian railroad shares, the ordinary falling 30 francs, while the preferred dropped 60, notwithstanding the brilliant result of the flotation of second mortgage sixes just announced.

The issue market was idle. It is said that the institution had agreed with the Finance Minister over the conditions for a big issue of Government guaranteed railroad fours. Tax returns for September and for nine calendar months have exceeded estimates and last year's returns by many million francs. Although officially both sides deny it, the Bourse feels sure that a new Spanish loan here is going to closely follow Poincaré's enthusiastic visit with King Alfonso.

Discount rates have not changed, although accommodations are scantier. A New York report that France has approved eventual intervention by the United States in Mexico is officially contradicted. The French Government has given assurances that a Paris flotation of 6,000,000 francs in Montenegro bonds will be authorized. The long-expected listing in Paris of the Royal Dutch oil shares subdivided into tenths is considered imminent.

BERLIN'S MARKET WEAK AND DULL

The Money Situation Satisfactory, but Other Developments Are Discouraging

By Cable to The Annalist

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—Owing to the relatively strong recovery shown in the Reichsbank's latest return, the financial community has again been discussing the probability of a reduction in the bank rate. The improvement was considerably greater than had been expected and the movement since the return was issued continues notably better than in 1912. This situation caused a rumor on the Bourse yesterday that the Directors were disposed to lower the official rate. It was, however, stated with authority to-day that they had not considered the matter. The best authorities still regard any reduction as highly improbable.

Although gold arrivals from England have ceased, it is understood that considerable amounts have been engaged in Argentina this week for the Reichsbank. Germany's net gains in gold during September amounted to twenty million dollars, breaking the monthly records during the movement of many years. But the open money market is unsatisfactory. Bankers are disinclined to discount January bills, which are being offered in large numbers. Mortgage banks and insurance companies which were active bidders last week have now withdrawn from the market.

Another factor in the situation is the large amount of American cotton bills offering here. Under these circumstances private discount rates

have risen gradually and the tendency is for a still further advance. It is asserted that bankers are charging more than the quoted discount rates on American bills.

The market on the Boerse was a week of mainly dull and weakish trading. Further declines in German prices for iron and steel products and the continuance of pessimistic reports on the state of business in this and other industries reacted badly. Foreign iron news also accentuated the influence of the home reports. A less favorable outlook for the reorganization of the shipping pool was also a bear factor. Canadian Pacific shares were very active early in the week, for the most part on account of extensive purchase for London and Montreal account, and the quotation advanced strongly. It has weakened on succeeding days.

A Conclusion by Yves Guyot

By Cable to The Annalist

PARIS, Oct. 11.—Arguing from the barometers published in The Annalist, Yves Guyot, in an article in *La Revue Economique et Financière*, contends that American business is not injured by the new tariff.

M. Guyot takes The Annalist's cotton and pig iron consumption figures and points out that they show an increase compared with the statistics at the beginning of the year despite the shadow of the new tariff hanging over the trade.

The decline in steel orders, says M. Guyot, is due to causes other than tariff reduction.

M. Guyot describes the tariff, which was piloted through Congress in a masterly fashion by President Wilson, as a triumph of commercial liberty.

A NEW DUTCH INCOME TAX

It Will Be Levied to Cover the Cost of Old-Age Pensions and Other Social Measures

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 1.—At the opening of the Dutch House of Representatives last week the Minister of Finances delivered his so-called "Millions Speech," in which he told of the financial situation of the country. The question how the Government expects to cover the heavy cost of the old-age pension system, just adopted, and other social laws recently passed, has been much discussed, and the speech was looked forward to with lively interest. As a consequence of these laws the financial condition of our country is not rosy. The total of expenses for the year 1914 is estimated by the Minister at 253,000,000 florins, and the income for the same period is estimated at 25,000,000 florins less than that figure. However, ten and a half millions of this deficit may be entered under the heading of "extraordinary expenses," which, strictly speaking, it is not necessary to have covered by the ordinary income, but which may be regarded as capital outlays.

The experience of the last three years indicates that the real income of the Treasury surpasses to a considerable extent the estimates made by the Minister. For the first eight months of the current year the excess amounts to 7,750,000 florins, in consequence of which it is expected that part of the deficit will be covered by excess income over the estimate.

To cover the balance an Income Tax bill will be introduced, which will take the place of the existing "trade tax"; also some modification in the "property tax" will be projected. The increase in income resulting from the change in these taxes is estimated at four to five millions of florins per year.

The figures relating to the cash position of the Treasury, as given by the Minister, show that the Bank of the Netherlands has advanced to the Government the sum of 12,800,000 florins without interest. Inasmuch as this sum was near the maximum of 15,000,000 florins which the Bank of the Netherlands, according to its contract with the State, is obliged to advance, if needed, to the Government, the Minister has offered the opportunity to subscribe to an issue of 7,000,000 florins two-month promissory notes. This issue has been taken on a 5 per cent. basis. Two years ago a similar issue was placed on a 3½ per cent. basis, and it is a striking illustration of the change in money conditions that the present issue could not be placed better than at a 5 percent. rate.

Huge French Loss in Mexican Finance

A Calculation of What It Has Cost to Hold a Paramount Place in the Banking Affairs of the Distracted Republic

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

PARIS, Oct. 1.—The Central Mexican Bank of Mexico City has held lately its annual meeting. Shareholders, though confirming the board in its power, refused to sanction the balance sheet, which will have to be examined at a future date, together with the proposals put forward for the company's reorganization. Some sort of a difficulty had been anticipated here. The bank's ship had not had fair sailing.

In the banking world of your unfortunate neighbor country French interests hold a paramount place. On many banks' boards over there our representatives are to be found, and the proportion of French money sunk into those businesses is even greater than our share in the management. It is believed, in fact, that most of the stocks and shares of Mexican institutions admitted to the Paris Bourse are really held by French investors.

Considering that 1911 was already a troublesome year in Mexico, it will be necessary, in order to form an idea of the loss incurred by French holders of Mexican banks' securities, to compare the latter's prices in 1910 with their present quotations.

Quantity.	Av. Price	Present Quota-	Difference	
			tion, in 1910.	About Issue, Frs.
National Bank of Mexico—				
Ordinary shares	320,000	1,180.40	600	157,000,000
Founders' shares	2,948	880.00	475	1,200,000
Central Mexican Bank, shares				
	270,000	493.30	130	98,000,000
Peninsular Mexican Bank, shares				
	165,000	242.00	118	20,400,000
Crédit Foncier Mexicain—				
Shares	75,000	382.45	186	14,700,000
5 per cent. bonds	153,912	260.77	225	5,500,000
Société Foncière du Mexique—				
Shares	100,000	400.20	65	35,500,000
5 per cent. bonds	25,000	502.05	330	4,300,000

The shares of the Mexico State Bank and the Banco de Guanajuato have been withdrawn from the list, and have no present prices, but the decline from 1910 to the average prices of last year would show a loss of 5,000,000 francs.

On this drop of about 350,000 francs, the damage sustained by French investors is conspicuous. You must take into consideration the fact that all Mexican banks increased their capital a few years ago, issuing new shares at a premium when the market price was well above the quotations now current.

It will be very sad, indeed, if, after such losses, shareholders of some Mexican institutions are compelled to consent to the issue of privileged shares or bonds in order to obtain a reorganization of their company.

GOLD DECLARATION PLEASES PARIS

Not on Gold Basis, Exactly, Herself, but Is Pleased to See Other Nations There

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Concerning your currency and banking bill, "the gold standard declaration" gave us no end of satisfaction. Although not purely gold-metallists ourselves, we are glad to see all other countries preserving an absolute yellow standard.

Our bankers think that it would have been easier, for your international intercourse at least, if the power to issue were centred into one bank only, as is practiced, in fact if not in theory, by most European nations. The elastic currency that you will adopt on European principles calls for a tactful handling unknown to your present cut-and-dried methods, and needs a co-ordinate and constant policy such as can be ruled best by a single central board. It is recognized, however, that the extent of your enormous territory and the variety of its products, commercial habits, and needs would suggest the splitting of the power to issue among the various regions, at least for a start, but our economists would not be surprised if, after giving it a trial, you were to discover that a sole bank of issue would best satisfy all your requirements.

The liberty given to your National Banking Associations that possess a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, to open branches abroad, may give us the pleasure of seeing American banks on the boulevards. London will naturally be their first port of

call, with Liverpool soon after. But on the Continent the French capital might offer good possibilities.

The eventual competition of such newcomers does not worry the French establishments which now handle most of the American financial business. Commercial acceptances in France are ruled by the French buyer, and he is not likely to abandon his own general banker. As to financing our exports to the States, the cheapness of French money should make of the French banker the best buyer of French bills on the States.

It will be interesting to note, when the time comes, what classification the American National bank's branch will be allowed in the banking world here as regards discounts. You know that many degrees of banking paper and, consequently, of outside rates, exist on our market. The "Haute Banque" signature, comes foremost; then the big institutions, then lesser ones, and generally after these throngs of foreign and semi-foreign banks of Paris, on various steps of the credit ladder. Such is the complete system, according to a law which is none the weaker for being unwritten. The rank will depend almost entirely (given that only the best of signatures appear on the bills) on the amount of paper that will be put into circulation. Newcomers have to be careful.

COMPETITION FOR CHINESE LOANS

The Five-Power Combination Will Be Cognizant of State Loans Only

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The partial break-up in the financial co-operation of the powers in China is of first rate importance, both to China and to financial Europe. It is a partial adoption of the principles laid down by President Wilson when he withdrew the United States from the group. In future the five-power combination is to be maintained for State development loans only. There is to be free competition among the powers and their subjects for loans for special purposes, such as railways, and for commercial and industrial concessions. The press of each power, of course, says with relief, real or simulated, that now at last the subjects of that power will be free to advance their own interests in China (and incidentally the interests of the Chinese) free from the hypocritically veiled hostility of other powers. Each is assured that its own diplomats and contractors alone have honestly been keeping to the terms of the agreement, while others stole advantages. For China the change should, on the whole, be an advantage. With more competition it ought to be able to get better terms for its concessions. Against that must be set the disadvantage that it will be more free and more tempted to contract the most ruinous form of engagement, that of a loan from contractors on condition of spending its proceeds with the lenders. But, indeed, the powers' co-operation has never served to prevent engagements of the sort. The restoration of order and some form of settled government and a growth of public spirit and financial knowledge among officials, these alone can protect China from abuses of this sort.

A GOVERNMENT UNDER SUSPICION

Anonymous Letters in English Papers Have Made London Skeptical About Cuba

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The informal committee of bond and share holders of the Cuban Ports, organized by the sponsors in London of the bonds, Messrs. Sperling and Messrs. Kleinwort, are negotiating in Cuba and London with the Cuban Government to save something from the wreck. A receiver of assets in Cuba has been appointed, but, apart from explanations and recriminations, that is the only definite step taken so far. Meanwhile, an incident has occurred which has still further affected for the worse the reputation of the Cuban Government. A number of letters have appeared of late in the less careful newspapers signed Clement V. Suarez, defending the action of the Cuban Government, written from various addresses. It has been discovered by Messrs. Sperling that nobody of the name is known at these addresses. In reply to a public appeal for an explanation a letter appears in the press from one Urbano Valdez, giving no traceable address, and describing himself as the "coadjutor" of Mr. Suarez. The latter, says Mr. Valdez, has left for Madrid, and "for reasons stated in a private dispatch we [the coadjutors] dwell in retirement." Really, somebody ought to look after the Cuban Government. It is not by such methods that it can restore the reputation and credit which it has lost.

Meeting of the World's Demands for Gold

The Situation on the Day Before the Bank of England Raised Its Rate, the Necessity for Which Was Predicted

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 1.—Although we have seen no signs of any real scarcity of credit on your side in our New York cables, and although sterling exchange has been steadier after its fall, we cannot get the principal Anglo-American banking houses here to say that there is no likelihood of your taking gold hence. On the contrary, they say that now that Germany has got what she wants, and when the bulk of Egypt's needs have been supplied, a little later in the year, they think it quite possible. Our frame of mind, however, with prices falling and no real speculative activity in Wall Street, is to believe in that gold movement when we see it. True, that the passing of the new tariff, we are told, will be followed by a period of activity in trade which will make it better worth while to import gold as a basis of credit. But it should also be followed by an increase in imports hence into the States, which would harden sterling exchange and make gold more difficult to get. So we do not reckon on a loss of gold to you as an immediate or definite probability.

WHERE GOLD IS GOING

Egypt has now taken £7,000,000 hence, and is likely to need at least £2,000,000 more. India is trying to put off supplying her needs until December, when she can get the gold for which Egypt no longer has a use, with so much less to pay for freight. Berlin, and Russia through Berlin, is still taking all the bar gold from the Cape. Brazil is hunting around for a credit against which gold could be drawn. Under these influences the time of a 5 per cent. bank rate draws near. The only help we have got of late is another £200,000, now on its way from Argentina, with more to follow. That makes £6,500,000 Argentina has sent to Europe in the course of the last two months. However, she has at least £65,000,000 still in her coffers, accumulated during the days of exporting securities. Thus, if those days are to be over, she has a handsome "gold standard reserve" with which to protect her currency and credit.

MEXICAN CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

It is striking to contrast with her state that of Mexico. Lacking a gold standard reserve of the sort, Mexico has seen her troubles reduce the value of her currency by 25 per cent. Of late this has seriously affected the value here of the securities of all kinds which earn their profits in Mexico. Good "paper" profits disappear when they have to be remitted hither; and the simple difficulty of buying exchange makes it at times difficult to remit anything at all. There is so little gold in Mexico that the Government has put, in practice at least, an embargo on its export, so that is a visible limit to the fall in exchange. Had Mexico accumulated a gold standard reserve in the days of peace, its credit would not now be suffering this heavy blow, in spite of the civil war. If the reserve would have been unsafe in Mexico City, which seems very possible, it could have been held partly in sterling bills there and partly in gold securities in New York and London, which would have been safer and not less scientific.

AMSTERDAM BOUGHT ROCK ISLAND

Speculators There Suspected Manipulation in the Decline at New York

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 1.—The decline in Rock Island securities is a mystery to our speculators. It originated in New York, and was followed here to some extent. It failed, however, to induce speculators here to dispose of the big lots they are holding. On the contrary, the lower prices were used to increase holdings in order to average the cost price. It was a matter of discussion between those interested in the Rock Island Company whether there is really anything wrong with the company, or if one of those mysterious manipulations to which this stock is especially liable had again made its appearance. People here were inclined to think it was the latter.

Present earnings of the company do not warrant the decline, although the fact that the country traversed by the system has greatly suffered from the drought will probably have an adverse effect upon the earnings in the near future. This consideration, however, did not keep our public from heavily buying, and the stocks offered by American arbitrage houses were easily absorbed.

Barometrics

CONFLICTING tendencies are shown in the current statistics. Because of the unusual conditions prevailing in the industry, comparisons of the copper figures with previous reports are hardly fair, but it is nevertheless significant that on Oct. 1 the world's visible stock of the metal was less than a week's supply. Pig iron production in September was larger than in the same week of 1912. The unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation were about 220,000 tons less on Oct. 1 than a month before, and nearly 1,550,000 tons less than a year ago. For the first time since March the building permit figures show an improvement over those of the corresponding week of 1912. The average net yield of ten savings bank bonds fell sufficiently to indicate that the price of that class of securities was at the highest point touched since April. There was a very large decrease—nearly 30,000—in the number of idle freight cars in the fortnight ended Oct. 1.

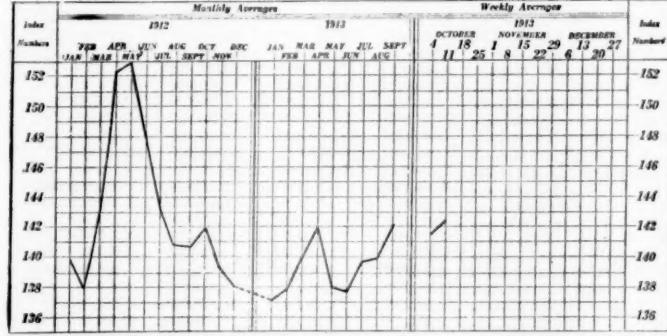
THE ANNALIST INDEX NUMBER

Oct. 11	1912	1912	1912	1912
Oct. 4	141.5	1911	131.1	
Sept. 27	143.8	1910	137.1	
Sept. 20	143.2	1896	80.1	
Sept. 13	141.0	1890	109.2	

*A substitution has been made which affects the current numbers sevenths of 1 per cent.

An index number is a means of showing fluctuations in the average price of a group of commodities. The Annalist Index Number shows the fluctuations in the average wholesale price of twenty-five food commodities selected and arranged to represent a theoretical family's food budget. It is a consumer's Index Number, more sensitive than the Government's Index Number, or any other. Its course during 1912 and the first half of 1913, by months, its tendency since then, by weeks, and its exact present position are shown in the chart below:

Curve of the Food Cost of Living



POTENTIALS OF PRODUCTIVITY.

Copper and Iron Produced

	September	1912	1912	1911
Tons of pig iron	2,505,927	2,463,839	29,383,490	23,316,711
Pounds of copper	131,401,229	140,089,819	1,581,920,287	1,431,938,338

American Copper Consumed

	September	1912	1912	1911
At home, pounds	66,836,897	63,460,810	819,665,948	709,611,605
Exported, pounds	73,085,275	60,264,796	746,396,452	754,902,233
Total, pounds	139,922,172	123,725,606	1,566,662,400	1,464,513,838
	October 1		September 1	
	1913	1912	1913	1912
World's visible stocks, lbs.	92,311,494	170,473,587	114,563,637	160,493,374

Cotton Movement and Consumption

(N. Y. Cotton Exchange Official Report)

	Past Week.	Same Week.	Sept. 1 to Latest Date.
Cotton, "into sight," bales	556,981	573,640	2,433,948
American mill takings	144,914	31,232	601,803
World's takings*	309,274	229,940	1,300,136

*Of cotton grown in America.

The Iron Barometer

—End of September— —End of August—

	1913.	1912.	1913.	1912.
Daily pig iron capacity, tons	83,375	83,426	82,226	82,058
U. S. Steel's orders, tons	5,003,785	6,551,507	5,223,468	6,163,375

Building Permits

	September, 128 Cities.	August, 135 Cities.
1913.	\$65,474,069	\$64,302,529

Immigration Movement

	July	Fiscal Year
Inbound	154,602	90,518
Outbound	62,170	42,862
Balance	+92,432	+47,656

OUR FOREIGN TRADE

	August	1912	1913	Eight Months
Exports	\$187,813,000	\$167,845,000	\$1,515,086,000	\$1,416,346,000
Imports	137,704,000	154,757,000	1,156,576,000	1,188,075,000

Excess of exports \$50,109,000 \$13,088,000 \$358,510,000 \$228,271,000

Exports and Imports at New York

	Exports	Imports
1913.	\$14,655,458	\$19,155,210
Year to date	684,716,071	637,473,444

FINANCE

	Past Week.	Week Before.	Year to Date.	Period in 1912.
Sales of stocks, shares	1,887,351	1,727,659	67,811,137	101,412,593
Av. price of 50 stocks	{ High 69.70	High 71.03	High 79.10	High 85.83
	Low 67.77	Low 69.78	Low 63.09	Low 75.10
Sales of bonds	\$8,179,500	\$7,415,500	\$394,501,920	\$565,744,000
Average net yield of ten savings bank bonds	4.255%	4.260%	†4.24%	*4.10%
New security issues	\$17,850,000	\$14,464,700	\$1,463,875,300	\$1,607,697,670
Refunding	3,140,000	262,801,000	134,196,550	

†Mean yield this year to date. *Average yield for 1912.

MEASURES OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Bank Clearings

	Percentage figures show gains or losses in comparison with a year before.
The past week. P.C.	The week before. P.C.
1913 \$3,309,451,048	1912 + 6.8
1912 3,096,536,237	1913 + 9.7
1911 2,823,606,275	1912 + 1.6
1910 2,869,845,197	1911 + 17.1
1909 3,460,193,339	1910 + 29.3
1908 2,675,029,721	1909 + 8.1
1907 2,802,667,980	1908 + 13.7

1912 + 14.1

1911 \$131,812,002,476

1910 1,2

1909 7.3

1908 0.8

1907 3.0

Number of Idle Cars

Oct. 1, 1913.	Sept. 15, 1913.	Sept. 1, 1912.	Sept. 26, 1911.	Sept. 29, 1910.	Sept. 30, 1909.
10,374	40,159	58,306	*51,169	*17,793	59,038

All freight cars. *Net shortage of cars. †Date of busiest use of cars in the year.

Gross Rail Earnings

Oct. 1, 1913.	Sept. 15, 1913.	Sept. 1, 1912.	Sept. 26, 1911.	Sept. 29, 1910.	Sept. 30, 1909.
\$13,963,560	\$10,390,365	\$67,319,509	\$52,016,370		
12,286,499	9,681,970	67,161,785	49,955,299		
Gain or loss... +\$677,061	+\$708,395	+\$157,724	+\$2,061,071		
+5.0%	+7.3%	+0.2%	+4.1%		
*30 roads.	†31 roads.	‡21 roads.	§22 roads.		

THE CREDIT POSITION

Last Week.	Previous Week.	Since Jan. 1.	—Same Week—
Call loans in New York.. 3 @ 5	2 2/4 @ 5	7 1	3 1/2 @ 6 2 @ 2 1/4
Time loans in New York, (60-90 days)	4 1/4 @ 5 1/2	3 6	5 1/4 @ 5 3/4 3 @ 3%
Commercial discounts:			
New York 5 1/4 @ 5 1/4	5 1/4 @ 5 1/4	6 1/2 4	4 1/4 @ 4 1/4
Chicago 6 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2 4 1/2	6 @ 6 1/2
Philadelphia 5 1/2 @ 6	5 1/2 @ 6	6 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 @ 5
Boston 5 1/2 @ 6	5 1/2 @ 6	6 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/4 @ 4 1/4
Minneapolis 6 @ 7	6 @ 7	7 6	6 6
New Orleans 7 @ 8	7 @ 8	8 6	6 @ 8 6 @ 8

New York Banking Position

Loans.	Deposits.	Cash.	Reserva.
Last week \$1,935,968,000	\$1,770,186,000	\$406,987,000	2/66 72
Week before 1,954,405,000	1,794,028,000	411,347,000	22.87%
Same week, 1912 1,936,596,000	1,777,624,000	403,609,000	22.70%
This year's high 1,999,530,000</td			

Money and Finance

THE open market rates for money went higher last week. In New York, Stock Exchange rates stiffened, both for call and time loans, and the day-to-day charge went up to 5 per cent. early in the week, coincident with much calling of loans. At the week's end loans by Clearing House institutions, and particularly by banks, had been decreased by a round fourteen millions, while deposits were off over twenty-four millions. Cash, too, had declined, and all these figures were tending still downward, as shown by a comparison of the Saturday conditions with those that had averaged through the week. Shipments of money to the interior were reported.

Bank Clearings

For the week ended Saturday noon. Reported by telegraph to THE ANNALIST

	—Forty-first Week—		—Forty-one Weeks—		Change Year's P. C.
	1913.	1912.	1913.	1912.	
Central reserve cities:					
New York	\$1,827,477,063	\$1,710,804,757	\$74,066,919,705	\$77,104,523,504	- 3.9
Chicago	315,258,329	269,742,062	12,596,367,011	11,829,726,450	+ 6.5
St. Louis	\$4,046,947	\$1,659,941	3,174,498,302	3,002,327,787	+ 2.7
Total 3 c. r. cities	\$2,226,782,359	\$2,062,296,790	\$89,837,785,018	\$92,026,577,750	- 2.4
Reserve cities:					
Baltimore	\$37,844,903	\$32,196,119	\$1,549,270,826	\$1,487,914,260	+ 4.1
Boston	158,748,797	144,244,752	\$349,925,573	\$649,183,383	- 8.6
Cincinnati	24,614,250	20,245,250	1,038,902,007	1,056,587,250	- 1.7
Cleveland	24,273,380	23,067,428	1,004,679,522	881,579,497	+ 13.9
Denver	9,913,558	10,823,438	360,853,016	372,349,814	- 0.7
Detroit	24,406,916	23,449,094	1,032,499,517	\$70,861,955	+ 18.6
Kan. City, Mo.	*53,000,000	63,329,369	2,188,954,570	\$2,045,447,030	+ 7.0
Los Angeles	18,500,000	20,480,477	957,028,223	878,985,160	+ 8.9
Louisville	13,579,420	11,989,433	565,849,527	567,773,000	- 0.3
Minneapolis	23,446,511	32,176,996	966,903,881	873,026,476	+ 9.6
New Orleans	19,883,002	21,457,556	730,686,793	781,970,136	- 6.6
Omaha	*18,000,000	16,000,000	696,781,570	649,545,548	+ 7.3
Philadelphia	164,668,872	142,057,607	\$66,780,089	\$2,217,935,871	+ 7.1
Pittsburgh	54,039,638	47,142,671	2,325,997,970	\$2,155,797,734	+ 7.9
St. Paul	10,583,509	12,525,484	404,933,142	424,866,783	- 5.2
San Francisco	53,974,862	46,578,069	1,907,986,453	2,005,800,643	- 0.4
Seattle	14,209,002	11,840,346	507,658,232	458,323,855	+ 10.5
Total 17 reserve cities	\$733,806,710	\$679,504,089	\$29,335,783,920	\$28,677,950,300	+ 2.3
Grand total	\$2,960,589,069	\$2,741,800,879	\$118,673,568,938	\$120,704,537,050	- 1.7
*Estimated.					

RECAPITULATION

The forty-first week of this year compares with the forty-first week of last year as follows:

Three central reserve cities	... Increase \$164,485,568 or 8.0%
Seventeen reserve cities	... Increase 54,212,621 or 8.0%
Total twenty cities, representing 90% of all reported clearings	... Increase 218,698,190 or 8.0%
The elapsed forty-one weeks of this year compare with the corresponding forty-one weeks of last year as follows:	
Three central reserve cities	... Decrease \$2,188,792,732 or 2.4%
Seventeen reserve cities	... Increase 657,824,620 or 2.3%
Total twenty cities, representing 90% of all reported clearings	... Decrease 2,030,968,112 or 1.7%

EUROPEAN BANKS LAST WEEK

BANK OF ENGLAND

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Bullion	£35,712,331	£37,913,485	£37,958,103
Reserve	24,930,000	27,192,560	27,227,928
Notes reserved	23,396,000	25,697,095	26,068,235
Reserve to liabilities	52 1/4 %	48 1/2 %	51 1/2 %
Circulation	29,231,000	29,170,925	29,180,175
Public deposits	5,992,000	10,357,468	6,430,990
Other deposits	41,214,000	45,298,171	45,987,621
Government securities	14,488,000	13,338,084	14,596,084
Other securities	25,523,000	32,855,496	28,296,644
Discount rate	5%	4%	4%

BANK OF FRANCE

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Gold	3,462,056,000	3,235,075,000	3,120,575,000
Silver	633,153,000	756,200,000	796,800,000
Circulation	5,760,144,000	5,431,966,180	5,446,768,160
General deposits	547,740,000	695,216,596	551,798,883
Bills discounted	1,449,153,000	1,330,070,994	1,452,458,105
Treasury deposits	165,503,000	238,268,249	219,398,764
Advances	747,236,000	705,753,829	690,067,601
Discount rate	4%	3%	3 1/2 %

BANK OF GERMANY

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Gold and silver	1,386,718,000	1,129,400,000	1,006,660,000
Loans and discounts	1,317,139,000	1,665,380,000	1,573,560,000
Circulation	2,252,595,000	2,105,240,000	2,046,640,000
Discount rate	6%	4 1/2 %	5%

BANK OF NETHERLANDS

Week Ended Sept. 27, 1913.

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Dutch Guilders	147,338,082	149,664,963	142,213,263
Silver	8,258,388	7,466,555	16,158,739
Bills discounted	69,592,912	88,225,486	84,399,081
Advances	90,262,141	77,050,057	80,291,705
Circulation	307,961,315	304,172,500	305,021,015
Deposits	2,566,723	3,336,011	3,306,897
Discount rate	5%	4%	4%

COURSE OF FOREIGN SECURITIES

	Last Sale.	to Date.	Range for 1913
Argentine 5s	97%	99 1/2 @ 95 1/2	100 @ 95 1/2
British Consols	72 1/2	75 1/2 @ 72 1/2	79 3-16 @ 72 1/2
Chinese Railways 5s	90	92 @ 85	95 1/2 @ 90
French rentes, 3 per cents	88.22 1/2	89.90 @ 83.35	95 @ 88.50
German Imperial 3s	74	77 1/2 @ 72 1/2	82 @ 75 1/2
Japanese 4 1/2s	88	90 1/2 @ 83 1/2	93 1/2 @ 89 1/2
Republic of Cuba 5s	100 1/2	102 1/2 @ 99 1/2	104 @ 101 1/2
Russian 4s, Series 2	89	91 1/2 @ 88	95 @ 86 1/2
United States of Mexico 5s	90	95 1/2 @ 90	97 1/2 @ 95 1/2

Clearing House Institutions

Actual Conditions Saturday Morning, Oct. 11, with Changes from the Previous Week

Loans	Deposits	Cash	Loans	Deposits	Cash
\$1,355,853,000	-\$14,066,000	\$573,763,000	+\$123,000	\$1,929,616,000	-\$12,943,000
Deposits	1,339,301,000	- 16,527,000	421,830,000	- 7,509,000	1,761,131,000
Cash	340,913,000	- 1,578,000	65,144,000	+ 582,000	406,057,000
Reserve	25.45%	+ 0.16%	15.19%	+ 0.38%	23.05%
Surplus	6,087,750	+ 2,553,750	1,869,500	+ 1,708,350	7,957,250
Circ'lat'n.	45,036,000	+ 119,000	.....	.....	45,036,000
					+ 119,000

Loans, Deposits, and Cash Compared

Taking the Clearing House banks alone, because the trust companies have no Clearing House record back of 1911, the items loans, deposits, and cash compare with corresponding weeks of other years thus:

Loans	Deposits	Cash	Loans	Deposits	Cash
1913. \$1,361,459,000	\$1,347,261,000	\$343,070,000	1909. \$1,273,033,200	\$1,278,402,200	\$324,148,300
1912. 1,329,780,000	1,322,998,000	336,558,000	1908. 1,324,358,000	1,402,733,100	385,395,500
1911. 1,368,875,000	1,382,547,000	356,008,000	1907. 1,083,401,900	1,026,047,800	261,167,400
1910. 1,272,197,000	1,249,228,000	318,252,300	1906. 1,065,657,800	1,050,776,000	275,718,400

MEMBERS OF CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures

Capital and Net Profits.	Loans and Discounts.	Legal Discounts.	Trust Companies.	Legal Profits.	Legal and Net Profits.	Legal Discounts.	Legal Discounts.	Legal Discounts.	Legal Discounts.

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The Stock Market

DULLNESS and depression ruled on the stock market last week. Although a sharp decline, with a considerable volume of selling of the United States Steel Corporation's shares was the feature of the early part of the week, with talk of lower prices of the company's products as a result of the tariff, competition of other concerns, and declining industrial activity, the money situation was enough to explain the whole week's small total of transactions and uniform decline in the railroad and industrial groups alike, averaging 2 points. The banks were calling loans all week. The news of all the world's markets was the same—tight money and depression.

STOCK MARKET AVERAGES

The average quotations of twenty-five leading railroad and twenty-five industrial issues and of the two groups of stocks combined:

1913.					
RAILROADS					
Saturday, Oct. 4.....	82.14	81.70	81.92	81.83	— .18
Monday, Oct. 6.....	81.65	81.16	81.40	81.36	— .47
Tuesday, Oct. 7.....	81.49	81.24	81.36	81.35	— .01
Wednesday, Oct. 8.....	81.19	80.46	80.82	80.61	— .74
Thursday, Oct. 9.....	80.94	80.29	80.61	80.78	+ .17
Friday, Oct. 10.....	80.57	80.16	80.36	80.31	— .47
Saturday, Oct. 11.....	80.12	79.64	79.88	79.75	— .56

INDUSTRIALS					
Saturday, Oct. 4.....	58.38	57.87	58.12	57.99	— .37
Monday, Oct. 6.....	57.75	57.14	57.44	57.41	— .58
Tuesday, Oct. 7.....	57.60	57.28	57.44	57.41	— ..
Wednesday, Oct. 8.....	57.15	56.43	56.79	56.69	— .72
Thursday, Oct. 9.....	56.90	56.37	56.63	56.77	+ .08
Friday, Oct. 10.....	56.75	56.18	56.46	56.43	— .34
Saturday, Oct. 11.....	56.24	55.91	56.07	56.00	— .43

COMBINED AVERAGE					
Saturday, Oct. 4.....	70.26	69.78	70.02	69.91	— .27
Monday, Oct. 6.....	69.70	69.15	69.42	69.38	— .53
Tuesday, Oct. 7.....	69.54	69.26	69.40	69.38	— ..
Wednesday, Oct. 8.....	69.17	68.44	68.80	68.65	— .73
Thursday, Oct. 9.....	68.92	68.33	68.62	68.77	+ .12
Friday, Oct. 10.....	68.66	68.17	68.41	68.37	— .40
Saturday, Oct. 11.....	68.18	67.77	67.97	67.87	— .50

THIS YEAR'S RANGE TO DATE					
Open.	— High. —	— Low. —	— Last. —		
Railroads.....	90.68	91.41 Jan. 9	75.92 June 10	79.75	
Industrials.....	66.76	67.08 Jan. 2	50.27 June 10	56.00	
Combined average.....	78.72	79.10 Jan. 9	63.09 June 10	67.87	

YEAR'S RANGE IN 1912					
Open. —	— High. —	— Low. —	— Last. —		
Railroads.....	91.43 Jan. 2	97.28 Oct. 4	88.39 Dec. 16	90.27 Dec. 31	
Industrials.....	64.00 Jan. 2	74.50 Sep. 30	61.74 Feb. 1	66.13 Dec. 31	
Combined aver....	77.51 Jan. 2	85.82 Sep. 30	75.24 Feb. 1	78.10 Dec. 31	

YEAR'S RANGE IN 1911					
Open. —	— High. —	— Low. —	— Last. —		
Railroads.....	91.79 Jan. 3	99.61 June 26	84.40 Sep. 28	91.37 Dec. 30	
Industrials.....	62.05 Jan. 3	60.76 June 5	54.75 Sep. 25	63.83 Dec. 30	
Combined aver....	77.37 Jan. 3	84.41 June 26	69.57 Sep. 25	77.00 Dec. 30	

RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS

Week Ended Oct. 11, 1913					
STOCKS (Shares)					
1913.		1912.		1911.	
Monday	366,680	446,159	470,555		
Tuesday	177,052	389,377	252,411		
Wednesday	374,949	562,044	331,471		
Thursday	434,955	624,290	.....	
Friday	319,062	748,947	469,321		
Saturday	214,653	.....	322,597		

BONDS (Par Value.)					
Monday	\$1,992,500	\$1,877,500	\$2,590,500		
Tuesday	1,342,000	2,299,000	2,242,500		
Wednesday	1,374,000	2,139,500	5,712,000		
Thursday	1,283,000	2,038,500	.....	
Friday	1,263,000	2,168,000	8,539,500		
Saturday	925,000	.....	2,639,500		

Total week.....					
Year to date.....	67,811,137	101,412,599	95,859,491		
Monday	1,887,351	2,770,817	1,846,355		
Tuesday .....	.....	.....	.....
Wednesday .....	.....	.....	.....
Thursday .....	.....	.....	.....
Friday .....	.....	.....	.....
Saturday .....	.....	.....	.....

Total week.....					
Year to date.....	394,501,920	565,744,000	672,810,900		
Railroad and miscel. stocks.....	1,857,324	2,768,989	881,615		
Bank stocks.....	27	378	351		
Mining stocks.....	.....	1,500	1,500		
Railroad and miscel. bonds.....	\$7,780,500	\$10,224,000	\$2,443,500		
Government bonds.....	82,000	51,500	*30,500		
State bonds.....	9,000	103,000	94,000		
City bonds.....	308,000	144,000	*164,000		

Total, all bonds.....					
	\$8,179,500	\$10,522,500	\$2,343,000		

*Increase. †Five days.

FINANCIAL CHRONOLOGY

Monday, Oct. 6

Stock market under selling pressure until near the close, when a partial rally occurs. Money on call, 3@5 per cent. Demand sterling declines 15 points, to \$4.8570.

Tuesday Oct. 7

Stock market dull and featureless. Money on call, 4 per cent. Demand sterling declines 15 points, to \$4.8555.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Stock market weak. Money on call, 3 1/2@4 per cent. Demand sterling advances 5 points, to \$4.8560.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Stock market closes at a recovery from early weakness. Money on call, 3 3/4@4 per cent. Demand sterling advances 5 points, to \$4.8565.

Friday, Oct. 10

Stock market irregular, closing heavy after an early period of improvement. Money on call, 3 3/4@3 1/2 per cent. Demand sterling advances 5 points, to \$4.8570.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Stock market weak. Bank statement shows increase in actual surplus reserve of \$4,262,100.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

July 1 to Oct. 8

Current Receipts:	1913.	1912.
Customs.....	\$94,643,998.19	\$93,763,183.58
Internal revenue—		
Ordinary.....	84,868,498.74	82,644,983.50
Corporation tax.....	2,263,066.11	1,899,564.83
Miscellaneous.....	13,502,433.16	13,728,151.58
Total cash receipts.....	\$195,277,996.20	\$192,035,883.29
Pay Warrants Drawn:		
Legislative establishment.....	\$3,709,559.25	\$3,615,298.25
Executive office.....	133,084.98	179,804.12
State Department.....	1,420,087.02	1,847,787.21
Treasury Dept.—Excluding public buildings.....	11,767,891.30	

New York Stock Exchange Transactions

Week Ended Oct. 11

Total Sales 1,887,351 Shares

High and low prices for the week may be for odd lots; high and low prices for the year are based on 100-share lots, the official unit.

For Year 1912— High.	Range High.		For Year 1913— Low.		Range High.		STOCKS.	Amount Capital Stock Listed.	Last Dividend Paid Date.	Per Cent.	Per Ind.	Range for Week Oct. 11 High. Low. Last.			Sales Week Ended Oct. 11	
	Low.	Date.	Low.	Date.	High.	Date.						High.	Low.	Last.		
205	164%	150	Jan. 29	130%	Mar. 13		ADAMS EXPRESS CO.	\$12,000,000	Sep. 2, '13	3	Q	125	125	125	—	400
—	24%	24%	Oct. 2	19%	Sep. 11		Alaska Gold Mines	7,500,000	—	—	23%	22	22	—	19,400	
—	—	8	Oct. 1	5%	July 9		Allis-Chalmers Co., t. r. 5th pd.	17,221,600	—	—	—	—	7%	—	—	
—	—	19%	Sep. 23	12%	June 10		Allis-Chalmers Co. pf, t. r. 5th pd.	14,168,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
92%	60	80%	Sep. 16	61%	June 10		Amalgamated Copper Co.	153,887,900	Aug. 25, '13	1½	Q	75%	70%	70%	— 4%	178,690
63%	51%	57	Jan. 3	41%	Sep. 5		Amer. Agricultural Chemical Co.	18,330,000	July 15, '13	1	Q	44%	44	44%	— 1	300
104%	98	99	Jan. 2	92	Sep. 30		Amer. Agricultural Chem. Co. pf.	27,112,700	July 15, '13	1½	Q	92	92	92	— 1½	225
77	46%	50%	Jan. 2	19%	June 10		American Beet Sugar Co.	15,000,000	Nov. 15, '12	1½	Q	24%	23%	23%	— 1%	1,280
101%	90	96	Mar. 6	70	Aug. 14		American Beet Sugar Co. pf.	5,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	—	—	71	—	—
107%	91%	96%	Jan. 4	90	June 7		Amer. Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.	4,600,000	Sep. 30, '13	1½	Q	—	—	92	—	—
160	130	136%	Jan. 6	128	June 10		Am. Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. pf.	5,000,000	Sep. 30, '13	2	Q	—	—	133%	—	—
47%	114	46%	Jan. 31	21	June 11		American Can Co.	41,233,300	—	—	35½	33	33%	— 5%	82,760	
126%	90%	129%	Jan. 30	80%	June 10		American Can Co. pf.	41,233,300	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	95%	93%	94	— 1%	5,270
63%	49%	56%	Jan. 2	36%	June 10		American Car & Foundry Co.	30,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	½	Q	43%	42%	42%	— 2%	1,900
120	115	117	Mar. 5	108	June 10		American Car & Foundry Co. pf.	30,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	½	Q	116	115	115	— 1%	400
60%	30%	48%	Jan. 6	33%	July 2		American Cities	16,246,700	—	—	36½	36	36	— 5%	400	
84%	75%	78%	Jan. 2	60%	June 28		American Cities pf.	20,553,500	July 1, '13	3	SA	65	64½	64%	— ½	300
85	85	75	June 11	75	June 11		American Coal	1,500,000	Sep. 1, '13	3	SA	—	—	75	—	—
98	94	87	Mar. 4	80	July 23		American Coal Products	10,639,300	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	84	84	84	—	2
114	108%	109%	Jan. 15	105	July 23		American Coal Products pf.	2,500,000	July 15, '13	1½	Q	102	100%	100%	—	40
60%	45%	57%	Jan. 2	33%	June 12		American Cotton Oil Co.	20,237,100	June 1, '11	2½	Q	41	37%	39	— 2%	3,400
90%	95	98	May 6	92½	Sep. 2		American Cotton Oil Co. pf.	10,198,600	June 2, '13	3	SA	95	95	95	—	214
220	160	166	Feb. 8	115	Aug. 9		American Express Co.	18,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	3	Q	120	120	120	— 1	170
7%	5	5%	Jan. 8	3½	July 9		American Hide & Leather Co.	11,274,100	—	—	—	—	4½	—	—	
34	20	28½	Feb. 10	15%	June 10		American Hide & Leather Co. pf.	12,548,300	Aug. 15, '05	1	—	20%	20	20	— 3%	300
30%	18	27%	Apr. 4	17	June 10		American Ice Securities Co.	19,045,100	July 20, '07	1½	—	23	21½	21%	— 1%	3,560
17%	9%	11½	Jan. 31	6%	June 10		American Linseed Co.	16,750,000	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	
43	30	31%	Jan. 31	20%	June 10		American Linseed Co. pf.	16,750,000	Sep. 1, '08	1½	—	24%	22%	22%	— 4%	500
47%	31%	44%	Jan. 6	27	June 10		American Locomotive Co.	25,000,000	Aug. 26, '08	1½	—	30%	29%	30%	— ½	1,500
110%	103	106%	Jan. 2	94	Oct. 10		American Locomotive Co. pf.	25,000,000	July 21, '13	1½	Q	98½	94	94½	— 2½	800
19%	4%	13	Jan. 3	5%	Oct. 6		American Malt Corporation	5,739,200	—	—	6½	5%	5%	— 3%	308	
60%	42	61½	Jan. 3	45	Oct. 3		American Malt Corporation pf.	8,888,900	May 2, '13	2½	SA	—	—	45	—	—
91	66%	74%	Jan. 30	58%	June 10		Amer. Smelting & Refining Co.	50,000,000	Sep. 15, '13	1	Q	65½	63	63½	— 2%	15,250
109%	102%	107	Feb. 7	97	June 6		Amer. Smelting & Refining Co. pf.	50,000,000	Sep. 2, '13	1½	Q	90%	90%	90%	— 7%	700
80%	84	86	Jan. 9	79½	June 12		Amer. Smelting Securities pf. B.	30,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	—	—	83	—	—
203%	123	193	Jan. 22	150	July 9		American Snuff Co.	11,601,700	Oct. 1, '13	3	Q	—	—	164	—	—
105	99	105	Jan. 21	100	June 6		American Snuff Co. pf. new.	3,940,200	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	100	100	100	— 3%	300
44%	26	40½	Feb. 3	25	June 9		American Steel Foundries	16,218,000	Sep. 30, '13	½	Q	27½	27	27	—	400
133%	113%	118	Jan. 31	104%	June 12		American Sugar Refining Co.	45,000,000	Oct. 2, '13	1½	Q	110	109	109%	— 5%	1,300
124	115%	116%	Jan. 28	110%	June 12		American Sugar Refining Co. pf.	45,000,000	Oct. 2, '13	1½	Q	115%	115%	115%	— 5%	100
78	66	66%	Jan. 30	59	Mar. 26		American Telegraph & Cable Co.	14,000,000	Sep. 2, '13	1½	Q	—	—	62	—	—
140%	137%	140	Jan. 9	120%	Oct. 11		American Telegraph & Tel. Co.	344,596,500	July 15, '13	2	Q	126%	120%	120%	— 5%	18,495
32%	24%	29½	Jan. 29	200	June 6		American Tobacco Co.	40,242,400	Sep. 2, '13	5	Q	236%	224%	230	— 9½	2,110
109	102	106	Apr. 26	98	July 18		American Tobacco Co. pf.	1,298,700	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	—	—	102	—	—
106%	102%	106%	Jan. 27	96	July 11		American Tobacco Co. pf. new.	51,686,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	101	100	100	— 1	300
99%	97%	99	Jan. 4	95	May 23		American Water Works pf.	10,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	—	—	95	—	—
31	18	23%	Sep. 27	16%	June 10		American Woolen Co.	20,000,000	—	—	22	21	21	— 2½	400	
94%	79	82	Sep. 19	74	May 7		American Woolen Co. pf.	40,000,000	July 15, '13	1½	Q	81%	80%	80%	— 1%	600
41%	32%	32½	Jan. 2	16	Aug. 7		American Writing Paper pf.	12,500,000	Apr. 1, '13	1	Q	16½	16½	16½	— ½	100
48	34	41½	Jan. 2	30%	June 10		Anaconda Copper Mining Co.	108,312,500	July 16, '13	75%	Q	36%	34½	34½	— 2	9,450
127%	105%	120	Jan. 2	75	Sep. 23		Assets Realization Co.	9,900,000	Oct. 1, '13	1	Q	75	75	75	— 4	300
47	41%	43%	Feb. 19	42½	Jan. 30		Associated Oil Co.	40,000,000	Apr. 15, '13	1½	—	—	—	43%	—	—
111%	103%	106%	Jan. 6	92%	June 12		Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.	194,461,500	Sep. 2, '13	1½	Q	94½	93%	93%	— 5%	15,500
101%	101%	102%	Jan. 29	96	July 9		Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. pf.	114,199,500	Aug. 1, '13	2½	SA	99%	99	99%	— 1%	754
148%	130%	133%	Jan. 9	112	June 11		Atlantic Coast Line.	67,557,100	July 10, '13	3½	SA	119½	117%	117%	— 2%	400
60%	49	53½	Jan. 8	40	June 10		BALDWIN LOCOMO. WORKS.	20,000,000	July 1, '13	1	SA	—	—	43	—	—
108%	102%	105½	June 6	100%	June 25		Baldwin Locomotive Works pf.	20,000,000	July 1, '13	3½	SA	—	—	105	—	—
111%	101%	106%	Jan. 22	90%	June 10		Baltimore & Ohio	152,314,800	Sep. 2, '13	3	SA	94%	93½	94	—	2,920
91	86%	88	Jan. 10	77½	June 18		Baltimore & Ohio pf.	60,000,000	Sep. 2, '13	2	SA	80	79½	80	— 1½	617
2%	7%	15%	Jan. 17	1	Jan. 14		Batopilas Mining	8,931,980	Dec. 31, '07	12½	—	—	—	1½	—	—
51%	27%	41½	Jan. 9	25	June 10		Bethlehem Steel Corporation	14,862,000	—	—	32½	30	30½	— 2%	3,400	
80	53%	74	Aug. 12	62½	June 10		Bethlehem Steel Corporation pf.	14,908,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	71	70	70	— 1½	900
94%	76%	92%	May 26	83%	June 10		Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.	56,861,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	87%	86%	86%	— 1%	6,100
149%	137%	137%	Jan. 27	121	June 10		Brooklyn Union Gas.	17,999,000	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	122	122	122	— 4	100
111%	7%	8%	Mar. 18	64%	June 6		Chicago & Alton	19,487,600	Jan. 16, '11	2	—	25	25	25	—	100
119%	105	116	Jan. 30	100%	June 9		Chicago Great Western.	45,155,200	—	—	12%	12	12	— 1	500	
39%	35	35	Jan. 9	23	June 10		Chicago Great Western pf.	40,966,400	—	—	28½	26%	26%	— 2%	2,500	
117%	99%	116%	Jan. 9	98%	June 10		Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.	116,348,200	Sep. 2, '13	2½	SA	103½	100%	102	— 2	17,135
146	130%	145	Jan. 30	131%	Sep. 18		Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. pf.	116,274,900	Sep. 2, '13	3½	SA	134%	134	134	— 3%	652
145	134%	138	Jan. 6	123%	June 10		Chicago & Northwestern.	130,121,700	Oct. 1, '13	1½	Q	128%	128%	128%	—	711
198	188	188	Mar. 3	181	May 23		Chicago & Northwestern pf.	22,395,100	Oct. 1, '13	2	Q	—	—	181	—	—
144	126	125	Mar. 8	119%	Aug. 25		Chi., St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha.	18,556,200	Aug. 20, '13	3½	SA	—	—	120	—	—
155	150%	151	Jan. 21	135	Sep. 24		Chi., St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha pf.	11,256,800	Aug. 20, '13	3½	SA	—	—	135	—	—
59%	25	47%	Jan. 2	30%	June 10		Chino Copper	4,295,500	Sep. 30, '13	75%	Q	41½	39½	39½	— 2½	23,600
62%	45%	54	Jan. 21	34%	Aug. 26		Cleve., Cin., Chi. & St. Louis.	47,056,300	Sep. 1, '13	2	—	—	—	37	—	—
101%	95	94½	Jan. 16	75	Aug. 28		Cleve., Cin., Chi. & St. Louis pf.	10,000,000	July 21, '13	1½	Q	—	—	75	—	—
43%	23%	41½	Feb. 3	24%	June 10		Colorado Fuel & Iron.	34,235,500	Sep. 15, '02	1½	—	29	28	28	— 3%	925
140	106	155	Feb. 1	150	Jan. 24		Colorado Fuel & Iron pf.	2,000,000	July 1, '13	4	SA	—	—	155	—	—
45	32%	33	Jan. 3	23%	June 12		Colorado & Southern 1st pf.	31,000,000	Dec. 31, '12	1	A	29	29	29	—	20
76%	72</td															

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High.	Low.	High.	Low.						High.	Low.	Last.		
21%	11 1/4	18	Jan. 22	12	July 11	FEDERAL MINING & SMELTING	6,000,000	Jan. 15, '09	1 1/2	14	..
52%	37 1/2	44	Jan. 2	33	Mar. 19	Federal Mining & Smelting pf.	12,000,000	Sep. 15, '13	1 1/2	Q	38 1/2	38 1/2	+ 1/4
225	128	185 1/2	Apr. 23	175	Jan. 14	GENERAL CHEMICAL CO.	10,323,000	Sep. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	178	178	- 1
115	106 1/2	109 1/2	Jan. 6	105	Sep. 10	General Chemical Co. pf.	13,747,500	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	144 1/2	141 1/2	- 4 1/2
188 1/2	155	187	Jan. 2	129 1/2	June 10	General Electric Co.	101,371,800	July 15, '13	2	Q	144 1/2	141 1/2	- 4 1/2
42%	30	40	Aug. 18	25	May 15	General Motors	15,745,000	..	..	39 1/2	38	38 1/2	3,800
82%	70 1/2	81 1/2	Sep. 30	70	May 8	General Motors pf.	14,047,900	May 1, '13	3 1/2	SA	81 1/2	81 1/2	- 1/4
81	60 1/2	68	Jan. 2	23 1/2	Oct. 9	Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	60,000,000	Feb. 15, '13	1	..	26 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
109 1/2	105	105 1/2	Jan. 7	88 1/2	Sep. 4	Goodrich (B. F.) Co. pf.	30,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	90	90	..
143 1/2	126	132 1/2	Jan. 9	115 1/2	June 10	Great Northern pf.	209,997,700	Aug. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	126 1/2	124 1/2	- 1 1/2
..	..	128	Aug. 13	116 1/2	June 13	Gt. Northern pf. sub. rec. 80% pd.	..	..	..	..	127 1/2	..	..
53	36	41 1/2	Jan. 3	25 1/2	June 10	Great Northern cts. for ore prop.	1,500,000	Dec. 27, '12	50c	..	33 1/2	31 1/2	- 2 1/2
62 1/2	47	52 1/2	Jan. 7	40 1/2	July 11	Guggenheim Exploration	20,267,000	Oct. 1, '13	75c	Q	45 1/2	43	- 3
89	85 1/2	87	Feb. 6	81 1/2	May 29	HAVANA ELECTRIC RY., L. & P.	15,000,000	May 15, '13	2 1/2	SA	..	..	..
96 1/2	95 1/2	96	Jan. 8	96	Jan. 8	Havana Electric Ry. Lt. & P. pf.	15,000,000	May 15, '13	3	SA	..	..	..
200	155	180	Jan. 11	150	May 19	Helme (G. W.) Co.	4,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	2 1/2	Q	..	..	..
116	109 1/2	113	Sep. 18	109	June 4	Helme (G. W.) Co. pf.	3,940,200	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	..	..	..
150	127	125	June 4	125	June 4	Hocking Valley	11,000,000	Sep. 30, '13	2	Q	..	..	..
112	86 1/2	117 1/2	Feb. 3	100 1/2	July 7	Homestake Mining	25,116,000	Sep. 25, '13	65c	M	..	..	..
141 1/2	120%	128 1/2	Feb. 5	104 1/2	Aug. 1	ILLINOIS CENTRAL	169,296,000	Sep. 2, '13	2 1/2	SA	110 1/2	108 1/2	- 2 1/2
21%	16 1/2	19 1/2	Jan. 2	14 1/2	July 12	Inspiration Consolidated Copper	14,459,160	..	..	16	15 1/2	15 1/2	2,800
22	16 1/2	19 1/2	Jan. 30	12 1/2	June 4	Interborough-Met. vot. tr. cts.	60,419,500	..	..	15 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	6,580
67 1/2	52 1/2	65 1/2	Jan. 30	45	June 4	Interborough-Met. pf.	16,955,900	..	..	62 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	4 1/2
53 1/2	36	39	Jan. 11	5	June 6	International Agricultural Co.	7,520,000	..	..	..	6 1/2	..	..
99	89	90	Jan. 3	33	Oct. 8	International Agricultural Co. pf.	12,955,600	Jan. 15, '13	3 1/2	..	33	33	..
..	..	111 1/2	Sep. 15	96	June 10	International Harvester, N. J.	39,958,300	July 15, '13	1 1/2	Q	105 1/2	105	- 1 1/2
..	..	116	Oct. 7	111	May 12	International Harvester, N. J. pf.	29,954,100	Sep. 2, '13	1 1/2	Q	116	116	+ 1/4
..	..	110 1/2	Sep. 17	95 1/2	June 10	International Harvester Corp.	39,957,600	July 15, '13	1 1/2	Q	104 1/2	104 1/2	- 2 1/2
..	..	114 1/2	Sep. 19	111	May 12	International Harvester Corp. pf.	29,952,200	Sep. 2, '13	1 1/2	Q	114 1/2	114 1/2	320
19 1/2	9 1/2	12 1/2	Jan. 30	6 1/2	Oct. 9	International Paper Co.	17,442,900	..	..	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,000
62 1/2	45 1/2	48 1/2	Jan. 30	32 1/2	Oct. 10	International Paper Co. pf.	22,539,700	July 15, '13	1 1/2	Q	34 1/2	32 1/2	- 2 1/2
34	12	18 1/2	Jan. 9	6	May 5	International Steam Pump Co.	17,762,500	Apr. 1, '05	1 1/2	Q	7	7	..
84 1/2	63	70	Jan. 9	22 1/2	June 13	International Steam Pump Co. pf.	11,350,000	Feb. 1, '13	1 1/2	..	..	..	..
15	10 1/2	10 1/2	Jan. 30	7 1/2	July 22	Iowa Central	3,609,500	..	..	..	7 1/2	..	..
30	22	23	Jan. 2	13	June 6	Iowa Central pf.	2,485,400	May 1, '09	1 1/2	..	..	..	..
81	74 1/2	78	Jan. 7	53 1/2	Sep. 9	KAN. CITY, FT. SCOTT & MEM. pf.	13,510,000	Oct. 1, '13	1	Q	..	..	..
31 1/2	22 1/2	28 1/2	July 28	21 1/2	June 5	Kansas City Southern	30,000,000	..	..	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	- 5 1/2
65 1/2	56	61 1/2	Jan. 7	56	June 11	Kansas City Southern pf.	21,000,000	July 15, '13	1	Q	57 1/2	56	- 1 1/2
95 1/2	90	94	Feb. 3	83	June 11	Kayser (Julius) & Co.	6,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1	Q	..	..	400
109	107	110	Jan. 2	106 1/2	Oct. 10	Kayser (Julius) & Co. 1st pf.	2,750,000	Aug. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	100 1/2	100 1/2	+ 1 1/2
9 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	Aug. 6	5 1/2	Jan. 11	Keokuk & Des Moines	2,600,400	..	..	..	..	..	..
55	43	45	Feb. 4	45	Feb. 4	Keokuk & Des Moines pf.	1,524,600	Apr. 1, '13	3 1/2	A	48	48	..
89 1/2	71	83	Sep. 15	58	June 9	Kresge (S. S.) Co.	4,961,700	Oct. 1, '13	2 1/2	Q	80	80	- 2
105 1/2	100	102	Jan. 4	97	June 10	Kresge (S. S.) Co. pf.	1,836,900	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	98 1/2	98 1/2	- 1/2
55 1/2	29	49 1/2	Feb. 4	29 1/2	June 7	LACKAWANNA STEEL CO.	34,978,000	Jan. 31, '13	1	..	..	..	..
108 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	Jan. 8	90 1/2	June 10	Laclede Gas Co.	10,700,000	Sep. 15, '13	1 1/2	Q	99	99	- 1
18	11 1/2	11 1/2	Feb. 5	7	May 2	Lake Erie & Western	11,840,000	..	..	..	7 1/2	..	..
40	30	35	Jan. 6	20 1/2	July 23	Lake Erie & Western pf.	11,840,000	Jan. 15, '08	1	..	..	..	..
49 1/2	450	500	May 14	470	May 14	Lake Shore	49,466,500	July 20, '13	6	SA	..	..	..
185 1/2	155 1/2	168 1/2	Jan. 2	141 1/2	June 10	Lehigh Valley	60,501,700	July 12, '13	5	SA	155	152	- 3
225	156 1/2	235	Mar. 6	195	June 6	Liggett & Myers	21,496,400	Sep. 1, '13	3	Q	216 1/2	209	- 10 1/2
118	105 1/2	116 1/2	Jan. 23	106 1/2	July 22	Liggett & Myers pf.	15,153,600	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	115	115	+ 1 1/2
54 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	Jan. 6	30	June 10	Long Island	12,000,000	Nov. 1, '06	1	..	..	..	..
47 1/2	36	39 1/2	Jan. 6	21	June 11	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.	8,000,000	..	..	33	31	- 3	600
105 1/2	102 1/2	105	Jan. 9	89	Aug. 4	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. 1st pf.	5,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	..	..	..
92 1/2	90	95	Jan. 8	84	July 18	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. 2d pf.	2,000,000	Aug. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	88 1/2	88 1/2	+ 1/2
215 1/2	167	200	Jan. 28	150	June 13	Lorillard (P.) Co.	15,155,600	Oct. 1, '13	2 1/2	Q	..	..	..
118	107 1/2	116 1/2	Jan. 22	103	June 10	Lorillard (P.) Co. pf.	11,146,500	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	113 1/2	113 1/2	+ 1/2
170	139	142 1/2	Jan. 10	126 1/2	June 11	Louisville & Nashville	71,963,800	Aug. 9, '13	3 1/2	SA	135 1/2	132 1/2	- 3 1/2
92 1/2	75 1/2	87	Jan. 21	75 1/2	July 24	MACKAY COMPANIES	41,380,400	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	81 1/2	81 1/2	+ 1/2
70%	66	69	Apr. 7	66	June 7	Mackay Companies pf.	50,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1	Q	67	66 1/2	66 1/2
138 1/2	128 1/2	132 1/2	Jan. 7	127	June 9	Manhattan Elevated gtd.	50,606,700	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	130	130	- 1 1/2
88	69	76 1/2	Jan. 2	65 1/2	Sep. 29	May Department Stores	15,000,000	Sep. 1, '13	1 1/2	Q	66	66	+ 1/2
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High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.					High.	Low.				
111 1/4	110	90 1/2	85	Sept. 12		Philadelphia Co.	39,043,000	Aug. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	87 1/2	
111 1/2	98 3/4	104	86 1/2	June 11	86 1/2	Pitts., Cin., Chi. & St. Louis.	37,173,500	July 25, '13	1 1/4 Q	90	90	90	+ 3 1/2	100	100		
117	108 1/2	100	100	June 25	100	Pitts., Cin., Chi. & St. Louis pf.	27,478,400	July 25, '13	1 1/4 Q	..	..	100	..	..	..
27 1/4	16 1/2	24 1/2	14 1/2	Jan. 2	14 1/2	Pittsburgh Coal Co. of N. J.	31,929,500	..	..	21 1/2	19 1/2	21	- 1/2	2,000	2,000
100 1/4	77	95	73	Jan. 9	73	Pittsburgh Coal Co. N. J. pf.	27,071,800	July 25, '13	1 1/4 Q	90 1/2	88 1/2	90	..	..	3,400
170	169 1/2	157	157	May 20	157	Pittsburgh, Port Wayne & Chicago.	19,714,285	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	..	..	157	..	..	..
104 1/2	100	100	93	Aug. 27	93	Pittsburgh Steel Co. pf.	10,500,000	Sep. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	93	93	93	- 1	100	100		
40 1/2	28 1/2	36	18 1/2	June 10	18 1/2	Pressed Steel Car Co.	12,500,000	Aug. 24, '13	1	..	25	25	25	- 1/2	200	200	
103 1/4	90	101 1/2	88 1/2	Jan. 7	88 1/2	Pressed Steel Car Co. pf.	12,500,000	Aug. 21, '13	1 1/4 Q	98	98	98	- 1	100	100		
120 1/2	106 1/2	118	109	Jan. 21	109	Public Service Corporation, N. J.	25,000,000	Sep. 30, '13	1 1/4 Q	..	..	111	..	..	..
175	158 1/2	165	149	Sep. 5	149	Puliman Co.	120,000,000	Aug. 15, '13	2	Q	152 1/2	150	150	- 3 1/2	756	756	
81 1/2	3	4 1/2	2	May 16	2	July 31	5,708,700	..	..	..	..	2 1/2	..	..	..
121 1/4	3 1/2	8	3 1/2	May 17	3 1/2	Aug. 8	4,291,300	May 8, '01	1 1/2	..	..	..	3 1/2	..	..
40 1/2	27 1/2	35	22 1/2	Jan. 9	22 1/2	RAILWAY STEEL SPRING CO.	13,500,000	May 20, '13	2	..	24 1/2	24	24	- 1 1/2	300	300	
105	98 1/4	100	90 1/2	Jan. 13	90 1/2	Railway Steel Spring Co. pf.	13,500,000	Sep. 20, '13	1 1/4 Q	94	94	94	- 2	100	100		
88 1/2	86 1/2	*81	78	Jan. 10	78	Railroad Sec. Ill. Cent. stock cts.	8,000,000	July 1, '13	2	SA	..	..	*78	..	..
24 1/2	16	22	15	Jan. 2	15	June 10	Ray Consolidated Copper.	14,504,070	Sep. 30, '13	37 1/2 Q	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	- 1/2	4,650	4,650	
179 1/4	148 1/2	171	151	Sept. 23	151	June 10	Reading	70,000,000	Aug. 8, '13	2	Q	166	160 1/2	160 1/2	- 5 1/2	282,940	282,940
93 1/4	87 1/2	92 1/2	84	Aug. 28	84	Reading 1st pf.	28,000,000	Sep. 11, '13	1	Q	85	84 1/2	84 1/2	- 2 1/2	520	520	
101 1/2	92	95	84	Aug. 10	84	Reading 2d pf.	42,000,000	Oct. 9, '13	1	Q	..	..	91	..	..
35 1/2	15 1/2	28 1/2	31	June 10	31	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	27,352,000	..	..	20	18 1/2	19 1/2	- 1/2	4,500	4,500
96 1/2	64 1/2	92 1/2	72	Sept. 13	72	Republic Iron & Steel Co. pf.	25,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	80 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	- 1/2	4,500	4,500		
30 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	12 1/2	Feb. 4	12 1/2	Rock Island Co.	96,888,200	..	..	14 1/2	12 1/2	13	- 1/2	10,620	10,620
59 1/2	42 1/2	44 1/2	20	Oct. 9	20	Rock Island Co. pf.	49,947,400	Nov. 1, '05	1	..	22 1/2	20	21 1/2	- 1/2	6,520	6,520	
101	89 1/2	92 1/2	74 1/2	Jan. 7	74 1/2	Rumely (M.) Co.	10,908,300	Mar. 3, '13	1 1/2	..	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	+ 1	500	500	
103 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	36	July 1	36	Rumely (M.) Co. pf.	9,750,000	Apr. 1, '13	1 1/4	..	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	- 1/2	200	200	
..	..	*48	45	Aug. 25	45	ST. JO. & GRAND I. 1st pf.	5,500,000	July 15, '02	2 1/2	..	..	..	*45	..	..
29 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	2 1/2	Jan. 11	2 1/2	St. Louis & San Francisco	29,000,000	..	..	5 1/2	5	5	- 1/2	500	500
60 1/2	58 1/2	59	13	Feb. 11	13	St. Louis & San Francisco 1st pf.	5,000,000	May 1, '13	1	..	13	13	13	..	25		
43 1/2	26 1/2	29	11	Jan. 11	11	St. Louis & San Francisco 2d pf.	16,000,000	Dec. 1, '05	1	..	8 1/2	7	7	- 1	900	900	
57	47	54 1/2	30	May 27	30	S. L. & S. F. C. & E. I. n. stock cts.	13,761,000	Jan. 1, '13	2	..	..	..	30	..	..
110	100 1/2	96 1/2	15	May 15	96 1/2	S. L. & S. F. C. & E. I. pf. stock cts.	8,402,500	Apr. 1, '13	1 1/4	..	..	..	96 1/2	..	..
40 1/2	29 1/2	35 1/2	13	Oct. 3	13	St. Louis Southwestern.	16,356,200	..	..	..	..	23 1/2	..	..	
80 1/2	68 1/2	75	61	Sept. 17	61	St. Louis Southwestern pf.	19,893,700	July 15, '13	1 1/4 Q	61	61	61	..	100	100		
27 1/2	18	20 1/2	1	Apr. 1	14 1/2	Seaboard Air Line.	33,269,500	..	..	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	- 1/2	200	200
56 1/2	44 1/2	49 1/2	23	Sept. 23	23	Seaboard Air Line pf.	22,468,000	..	..	46 1/2	46	46 1/2	- 1/2	510	510
221	140	213 1/2	12	Jan. 2	15 1/4	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	40,000,000	Aug. 15, '13	1 1/4 Q	187	179 1/2	179 1/2	- 9 1/2	2,900	2,900		
124 1/2	121	124 1/2	116	June 19	116	Sears, Roebuck & Co. pf.	8,000,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	..	..	121	..	..	
59 1/2	39 1/2	45 1/2	23	July 8	23	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.	10,000,000	Sep. 1, '10	1 1/4	..	30	..	..	..
105	94	93 1/2	88	Feb. 8	88	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. pf.	6,700,000	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	89	89	89	- 3	100	100		
83	74 1/2	70	60	Jan. 6	60	South Porto Rico Sugar.	3,371,000	Oct. 1, '13	1	Q	..	..	70	..	..
110	109	*108	102	Jan. 17	102	South Porto Rico Sugar pf.	3,708,500	Oct. 1, '13	2	Q	..	..	*102	..	..
115 1/2	103 1/2	110	30	Sept. 30	88 1/2	Southern Pacific tr. cts.	17,327,500	Oct. 1, '13	1 1/2 Q	90 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	- 2 1/2	56,440	56,440		
..	..	99 1/2	93 1/2	Aug. 27	93 1/2	Southern Pacific sub r. 1st paid.	3,957,400	..	..	95	93 1/2	93 1/2	- 2	3,328	3,328
32	26 1/2	28	19 1/2	Jan. 2	19 1/2	Southern Railway extended.	119,900,000	..	..	94	93 1/2	94	- 1	262	262
86 1/2	68 1/2	81 1/2	72	Mar. 26	72	Southern Railway pf. extended.	60,000,000	Apr. 24, '13	2 1/2 SA	80	76 1/2	76 1/2	- 1 1/2	2,510	2,510		
86	82	72 1/2	52	Mar. 12	52	So. Ry., M. & O. stock tr. cts.	5,670,200	Oct. 1, '13	2	SA	..	..	72 1/2	..	..
36	16 1/2	40 1/2	31	Jan. 31	31	Standard Milling.	4,600,000	July 18, '13	2	..	..	..	33 1/2	..	..
66	53	66 1/2	42	Feb. 4	42	Standard Milling pf.	6,900,000	Apr. 15, '13	2 1/2 SA	..	..	62 1/2	..	..	
49 1/2	30	36	26	Feb. 6	26	Studebaker Co.	27,931,600	..	..	22	21 1/2	21 1/2	- 1/2	200	200
98 1/2	90 1/2	93 1/2	9	Oct. 9	9	Studebaker Co. pf.	12,650,000	Sep. 1, '13	1 1/4 Q	79	75 1/2	75 1/2	- 3 1/2	300	300		
47 1/2	34 1/2	39 1/2	34	Jan. 4	34	TENNESSEE COPPER.	5,000,000	Sep. 20, '13	75c Q	31 1/2	31	31	- 1/2	2,600	2,600		
130 1/2	81	126	89	Aug. 29	89	Texas Co.	30,000,000	Sep. 30, '13	1 1/4 Q	111	108	111	- 1	1,000	1,000		
20 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	8	Jan. 8	10 1/2	Texas Pacific.	38,760,000	..	..	14	13	13	- 1/2	700	700
97 1/2	89	97	93	Jan. 18	93	Texas Pacific Land Trust.	3,984,800	..	..	93	93	93	- 2	294	294

Week's Bond Trading

Week Ended Oct. 11

Total Sales \$8,179,500 Par Value

R'ge for '12		R'ge for '13		High.		Low.		Last.		Sales.		R'ge for '12		R'ge for '13		High.		Low.		Last.		Sales.		
High.	Low.	High.	Low.									High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	
88%	81	82%	74	..	ADAMS EXPRESS 4s....	77	76	76	14			80%	76	78	65	..	Kan. City, Ft. S. & M. 4s...	71	71	71	2			
93	88%	88%	83	..	Albany & Susq. 31/2s....	86%	86%	86%	1			74	71%	72	68	..	Kan. City Southern 3s....	70	69 1/2	69 1/2	5			
67%	52	63	46%	..	Allis-Chalmers 5s, t. r....	49	49	49	5			100%	96%	99	95	..	Kan. City Southern 5s....	96 1/2	96	96	9			
102%	100%	101%	94	..	Am. Ag. Chem. 5s....	100	99 1/2	99 1/2	12			98%	96%	96	90	..	Kan. City Terminal 4s....	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1			
98%	96%	97%	94	..	Am. Cotton Oil 41/2s....	97	97	97	1			101%	98	98	94	..	Keokuk & Des Moines 1st 5s.	94	94	94	1			
101%	99	102%	98%	..	Am. Hide & Leather 6s....	100%	100%	100%	3			95	91%	92	87	..	Kentucky Central 4s....	87	87	87	1			
82	72%	80	79	..	Am. Ice Securities 6s....	79	79	79	10			117%	113	114	107	..	Kings Co. E. L. & P. 6s....	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	1			
106	102%	105	101	..	Am. Smelting Securities 6s....	105	104	104	14			117%	113	114	107	..	Kings Co. Elev. 4s, stdp....	82%	82%	82%	5			
..	103%	96%	86	..	Am. T. & T. cv. 41/2s....	102	96%	96%	680			86%	83%	86	81	..	Kings Co. Elev. 4s, stdp....	82%	82%	82%	5			
91%	85%	90	86	..	Am. T. & T. col. 4s....	88%	88%	88%	13			103	101%	102	100	..	LAC. GAS. ST. L., 1st 5s.	100%	100%	100%	1			
..	104%	98%	94	..	A. T. & T. cv. 41/2s, rets. L. p.102	102	102	102	1			96	99%	96	93	..	Lack. Steel 5s, 1915.....	95%	95%	95%	20			
121%	118%	120%	116	..	Am. Tobacco 6s....	118	118	118	1			110	106%	106	101%	..	Lake Erie & West. 1st 5s.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1			
91%	88	90%	81	..	Am. Writing Paper 5s....	83	83	83	6			94%	91%	93	92	..	Lake Shore 4s, 1928.....	92 1/2	92	92	51			
92%	90%	92	89	..	Armour 41/2s....	91	90%	90%	22			92%	91%	92	89	..	Lake Shore 4s, 1931.....	91%	91%	91%	43			
100	96%	98%	92	..	A. T. & S. F. gen. 4s....	94%	93%	93%	102			108	106%	105	102%	..	Lehigh Valley Coal 5s....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	2			
106%	99%	100%	96	..	A. T. & S. F. Cal. & A. 41/2s	99	99	99	10			76	103%	104	100	..	Lehigh Val. of N. Y. 41/2s....	100%	100%	100%	3			
107%	100%	103%	92	..	A. T. & S. F. con. 4s, 1960	94%	94%	94	4			123%	118%	122	115%	..	Liggett & Myers 7s....	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	17 1/2			
110%	105%	105	93	..	A. T. & S. F. cv. 4s, 1955	94%	94%	94	28			99%	88%	99	94	..	Liggett & Myers 5s....	98	97 1/2	97 1/2	42			
111	104%	105%	98	..	A. T. & S. F. cv. 5s....	101	100	100	29			95%	90	89	84	..	Long Island unified 4s....	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1			
92%	87%	88	83	..	A. T. & S. F. adj. 4s, stdp....	86%	86%	86%	58			123%	119%	122	115	..	Lorillard 7s....	119	119	119	3			
96%	94%	95%	87	..	Atlantic Coast Line 4s....	91%	91%	91	7			99%	88%	99	94	..	Lorillard 5s....	96%	96%	96%	22			
96%	91	92%	86	..	Atlantic C. L. L. & N. col. 4s	89	89	89	15			99%	96%	99	91	..	Louis. & Nash. unified 4s....	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	122			
104	102%	103%	103	..	BALDWIN LOCO. 5s....	103	103	103	4			98	93%	95	86 1/2	..	MANHATTAN con. 4s....	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	4			
99%	95%	97%	89	..	Balt. & Ohio gold 4s....	92	92	92	32			101	99	100	97	..	Mich. State Tel. 5s....	99	99	99	1			
98%	96	97	91	..	Balt. & Ohio gold 4s, reg....	92	92	92	5			100%	100%	99	95	..	Mil. & Northern con. 41/2s....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	25			
..	97%	88%	82	..	Balt. & Ohio cv. 41/2s....	92	92	92	243			69%	59%	62	54	..	Minn. & St. Louis ref. 4s....	55	54	54	5			
93%	90%	91%	88	..	B. & C. prior lien 31/2s....	91	90%	90	32			97%	95	97	91	..	Minn. St. P. & S. M. con. 4s	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	6			
92	88%	90%	82	..	B. & O. P. L. E. & W. Va. 4s	85	85	85	2			107%	103%	104	98	..	Mo. K. & Okla. 5s....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	2			
91%	88%	90%	86	..	B. & O. Southwest 31/2s....	88	87	87	19			110	106%	108	102 1/2	..	Mo. K. & Eastern 5s....	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	6			
102	93%	96%	92	..	Bethlehem Steel 5s....	94	94	94	7			97	92%	95	89 1/2	..	Mo. K. & T. 1st 4s....	90	89 1/2	89 1/2	9			
87%	85	86%	79	..	Bethlehem Steel ref. 5s....	82	81	82	7			84%	79	81	74	..	Mo. K. & T. 2d 4s....	75	74 1/2	74 1/2	5			
94%	83%	92%	84	..	Brooklyn R. T. ref. 4s....	87	86	86	142			81%	77	77	67 1/2	..	Mo. K. & T. 1st & ref. 4s....	71	71	71	1			
106%	102%	103%	100	..	Brooklyn R. T. gold 5s....	101	100	100	37			89%	85	87	79	..	Mo. K. & T. a. f. 41/2s....	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	25			
103%	100%	101%	99	..	Brooklyn Union Elev. 5s....	99	99	99	36			108%	104%	106	102	..	Missouri Pacific 1st 6s....	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	3			
102%	101	101%	99	..	B'klyn Union Elev. 6s, stdp....	99	99	99	3			108%	104%	106	102	..	Missouri Pacific cv. 5s....	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	14			
107%	105%	106%	101	..	Brooklyn Union Gas 5s....	105	105	105	9			100%	98	98	95	..	Missouri Pacific 5s, 1917....	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	6			
112%	109%	110%	103	..	Buff. Roch. & P. gen. 5s....	106	106	106	1			100%	96	98	95	..	Missouri Pacific 5s, 1920....	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	2			
99%	96	96	89	..	Bush Terminal 5s....	91	91	91	10			100%	96	98	91	..	Morgan's Louis. & Texas 7s.	108	108	108	2			
97%	96 1/2	94	85	..	Bush Term. Buildings 5s....	85	85	85	3			106	103%	103	101	..	Morris & Essex 1st 7s....	101	101	101	6			
96%	94	96	91	..	CAL. GAS & ELEC. 5s....	93	93	93	23			101%	98	99	94	..	NATIONAL TUBE 5s....	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	22			
..	106%	104 1/2	104 1/2	..	Canada So. con. 5s, Ser. As.	105	105	105	2			95	86	87	45	..	N. Or. Mob. & Chi. 5s....	48	48	48	2			
108	102	108	102	..	Cent. of Ga. con. 5s....	104	103	104	10			100%	100%	99	95	..	Mil. & Northern 41/2s....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	25			
123%	118%	119%	112	..	Cent. of New Jersey 5s....	114	113	114	38			106%	106%	102	102	..	Newark Gas 5s....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	2			
96%	91%	97	91	..	Central Leather 5s....	95	94	94	188			103%	97	103	98	..	Y. Air Brake cv. 6s....	98 1/2	98	98	3			
97	94	96%																						

Week's Bond Trading---Continued

R'ge for '12.				R'ge for '13.				High. Low. Last. Sales.				U. S. Government Bonds.															
102%	94%	100%	94%	100%	100%	100	100	18				High. Low. High. Low.	High. Low. Last. Sales.														
86	79%	82%	77%	Third Avenue ref. 4s.	80%	78%	78%	102	102%	100%	101%	94%	94%	94%	5												
80%	70	79	63%	Third Avenue adj. 5s.	75%	73%	73%	43	114%	113%	113%	109	109	109	25												
69%	53%	60	47%	To. St. L. & W. 1st 4s.	55	54	54	10	102%	101%	103%	99%	99%	99%	10												
106	103%	104%	100	ULSTER & DELAWARE 5s.101	101	101	101	1																			
102%	98%	99%	95	Union Pacific 1st 4s.	98	97%	97%	53																			
97%	95%	95%	88%	Union Pacific ref. 4s.	93%	92%	93%	38																			
104%	95	97	86%	Union Pacific conv. 4s.	92%	91	91%	188%																			
70	64%	67	51%	United R. R. of S. F. 4s.	56	56	56	9																			
105	102%	103%	100	U. S. Rubber 6s.	102%	102%	102%	11																			
100%	100	102	96%	U. S. Steel 5s.	100%	100	100	285																			
104	100%	102%	97%	U. S. Steel 5s, reg.	100%	100%	100%	3																			
98%	94%	98	92	V.A. IRON, C. & C. 5s.	93	92%	93	5																			
..	..	98%	96	Virginia Ry. 1st 5s.	98%	98%	98%	10																			
97%	95	95%	90%	Virginia Southwest. cons. 5s.	91	91%	91%	1																			
107%	104%	106%	101	WABASH 1st 5s.	104	103%	103%	63																			
100%	96	99%	94%	Wabash 2d 5s.	96%	96%	96%	8																			
72%	55%	64%	46%	Wabash ref. 4s.	50	48%	48%	47																			
65%	58	58	46%	Wabash ref. 5s, eq. tr. r. sta.	47%	46%	46%	29																			
107%	106	107	102%	Wabash, Det. & Chl. 5s.	105	105	105	1																			
42%	25	27%	11%	Wab. P. T. 1st 4s, Cent. tr. r. 18%	17%	17%	17%	57																			
34	25	28	11%	Wab. P. T. 1st 4s, Col. tr. for	18	18	18	3																			
3%	1%	3	1%	Wab. P. T. 2d 4s, tr. rcts.	%	%	%	1																			
103%	100%	102%	99%	Western Electric 5s.	101	100%	101	18																			
88%	82%	83%	75	Western Maryland 4s.	79	79	79	3																			
100%	94%	96%	88%	W. Union Tel. R. 4%	92%	92	92	5																			
103%	100%	102%	96	West. Union col. tr. 5s.	99	99	99	2																			
96	92%	94	87%	West. E. & M. conv. 5s.	92%	91%	91%	21																			
101	97	98%	93	West Shore 4s.	94%	94%	94%	4																			
98%	96	97%	90	West Shore 4s, reg.	91%	91%	91%	2																			
85%	80%	80%	70	Wheeling & L. E. cons. 4s.	75	74	74	7																			
93%	89%	91%	84	Wls. Central gen. 4s.	87	87	87	1																			
Total sales				\$7,780,500																							
Grand total																											
\$8,179,500																											

Transactions on the New York Curb

Week Ended Oct. 11.

Industrials				Total				Total				Bonds					
—Week's Range.— Net				Sales.				—Week's Range.— Net				Sales.					
Total	High.	Low.	Last.	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.	Total	High.	Low.	Last.	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.		
Sales.								Sales.									
600. Anglo-Am. Oil	21	21	21	21%	21	21	-	9,500. *Big Four	20	19	19	-1	1,730. *Nevada Hills	90	86	87	-2
12,200. British-Am. Tob.	26	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	-	4,000. Braden Copper	7%	7	7	-	800. Nipissing Mines	8%	8%	8%	..
4,300. British-Am. Tob., new	26%	25%	26%	26%	25%	26%	-	2,120. Brit. Col. Copper	3%	2%	2%	+%	300. Ohio Copper	1%	7-16	1%	..
15. Con. Rubber Tire	34%	34%	34%	34%	34%	34%	-	2,075. Buffalo Mines	2%	2%	2%	-	10,500. Stewart Mining	1%	1%	1%	-3-16
10. Con. Rubber Tire pf.	93	93	93	93	93	93	-	100. Butte & New York	1%	1%	1%	-	27,200. *Tonopah Merger	67	60	62	-8
500. Marconi of Am., new	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	-	12,700. Canadian Gold Silver	19	17	18	-1	2,350. Tonopah Extension	1	15-16	1	15-16
6,500. *Mays Oil	25	25	25	25	25	25	-	51,500. *Caribou	58	55	55	-	750. Tonopah M. of Nev. 4	13-16	4%	4	13-16 + 1%
2,500. People's Gas rights	23-16	23	23	23	23	23	-	3,000. *C. O. D. Cons.	4	3	3	-1	3,100. Tularosa	9-16	9-16	9-16	..
2,276. Pueblo Smelt. & Ref.	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	1,200. Cons. Copper Mines	3%	2	15-16	3	1,200. Tri-Bullion	1%	1%	1%	..
215. Standard Oil of N. J.	382	375	375	375	375	375	-	7,400. *Ely Consolidated	6	5%	5%	5%	2,750. West End Cons.	1%	1%	1%	-1-16
16,310. Un. Cig. Stores, w. i.	90	91	91	91	91	91	-2	425. First Nat. Copper	3%	3%	3%	..	8,000. *West End Ext.	6	5	6	+ 1
155. U. S. L. & H., new	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	-	200. Florence	24	24	24	-	1,300. *West Silver Mines	12	12	12	..
300. Willys Overland	67	67	67	67	67	67	-	100. Giroux Mining	1%	1%	1%	+ 1/4	700. Yukon Gold	2 1/4	2 1-16	2 1-16	-3-16
200. Willys Overland pf.	87	86	86	86	86	86	+ 1%	5,000. *Gold Hill Cons.	23	3-16	3-16	-1-16					
1,540. Manhattan Transit	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	-	4,510. Goldfield Con.	15	15	15	-1-16					
1,500. *Beaver Con	32	32	33	32	32	33	+ 1	5,200. *Jumbo Extension	13	11	11	-1					
								1,630. Kerr Lake	4	3	15-16	3					
								3,400. La Rose Com.	2	2	2	..					
								1,850. Mason Valley, new	3%	3%	3%	- 1/2					
								2,900. McKinley-Darragh	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	- 1/2					
								450. Mines Co. of Am., new	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	- 1/2					

Short Term Note Values

Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Bld.	Ask.	Yield.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Bld.	Ask.	Yield.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Bld.	Ask.	Yield.
Amalgamated Copper	5	Mar. 15, '15	99%	99%	5.35	Lackawanna Steel	5	Mar. 1915	95%	96	7.90	Sulzberger & Sons	6	June, 1916	97%	98	6.87
American Locomotive	5	Oct. 1914	90%	100%	4.80	Lake Shore & Mich. So.	4%	Mar. 15, '14	90%	90%	5.05	U. S. Smelting R. M.	5	Aug. 1914	98%	99%	6.00
Austrian Government	4 1/2	July, 1915	97%	98%	6.00	Michigan Central	4%	Mar. 1914	99%	99%	4.85	Union Typewriter	5	Jan. 15, '16	96	97%	6.20
Baltimore & Ohio	5	July, 1914	99%	100%	4.80	Minn. & St. Louis	6	Feb. 1914	95%	97%	11.50	United Fruit	6	May, 1917	100%	101%	5.60
Boston & Maine	5	Feb. 3, '14	95%	97%	12.00	Mo., Kansas & Texas	5	May, 1915	96	96	7.50	Utah Company	6				

INDUSTRIALS—Continued

Stock.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
Crucible Steel pf...Pittsburgh	495	87%	86	87%	
DAY BREWS 6s...Cleveland	\$1,000	76%	76%	76%	
Diamond Match .....Chicago	195	99%	99	99	
Dominion Bridge.....Montreal	55	121	121	121	
Dominion Can. ....Montreal	22	68%	..	..
Dominion Canners ....Toronto	199	70	69	69%	
Dominion Can. pf....Toronto	5	96	..	..
Dominion Coal pf...Montreal	47	108	97	108	
Dominion Cotton bond...Montreal	\$1,000	100	100	100	
Dominion L. & S. pf...Montreal	45	95	95	95	
Dominion Steel .....Montreal	1,097	46	44	44	
Dominion Steel .....Toronto	225	45%	43%	43%	
Dominion Textile...Montreal	151	84	81%	81%	
Doma Textile pf....Montreal	5	101%	101%	101%	
Dominion T. Ser. B.Montreal	\$3,500	101	100%	101	
Dom. Cuem. Co....Cleveland	500	5%	5%	5%	
EAST BOSTON L....Boston	60	11%	11	11	
Electric Storage Bat...Phila.	281	47%	46	46	
Ely Walker Dry G. pf...St. L.	45	100	100	100	
GENERAL ASPHALT. ....Phila.	445	35	34	34	
General Asphalt pf...Phila.	163	73	74	74	
General Electric .....Boston	613	145%	141	141	
General Motor .....Boston	700	39	38	39	
Gen. Petroleum .....San Fran.	50	16%	16%	16%	
Gen. Petroleum 6s...San Fran.	\$8,000	55	55	55	
G. B. S. Brew 4s...Baltimore	\$24,000	45	41	43	
Goodrich Rubber .....Chicago	50	25%	25%	25%	
Goodyear pf .....Cleveland	65	97%	97%	97%	
Grasselli Chem. ....Cleveland	5	122	122	122	
Grasselli Chem. pf...Cleveland	6	106	106	106	
HART, SCHAF. & M. pf...Chi.	170	99%	99	99%	
Hillcrest Collieries...Montreal	80	40	40	40	
Honolulu Oil.....San Fran.	2,000	160	160	160	
Houston Oil cfs...Baltimore	75	15%	15	15%	
Houston Oil cfs...Balto.	5	57%	57%	57%	
ILLINOIS BRICK...Chicago	50	62	61%	61%	
Independent Brew...Pittsburgh	3,800	7%	6%	7	
Indep. Brew. pf...Pittsburgh	780	34%	33%	34%	
Indep. Brew. 6s...Pittsburgh	\$2,000	82%	82%	82%	
Inter. Shoe .....St. Louis	2	80%	80%	80%	
Inter. Shoe pf....St. Louis	40	106	105%	106	
Interlake S. S. Co. ....Cleveland	20	105	105	105	
JADE OIL .....Los Angeles	22,000	8	6	7%	
LAKE OF WOODS...Montreal	15	137	137	137	
Lake of Woods pf...Montreal	2	171	171	171	
Lake Superior Corp...Philadel.	245	25	25%	23%	
Lanston Monotype...Wash.	1	82	82	82	
Laurentide Paper...Montreal	308	172%	169%	169%	
Laurentide New...Montreal	22	168	168	168	
Lehigh Coal & Nav....Phila.	55	85%	84%	85%	
Leh. Coal & Nav. cfs...Phila.	26	85%	85	85%	
Los Ang. Inv. Co...Los Ang.	1,850	210	185	185	
McELWAIN pf.....Boston	44	100	100	100	
Macdonald .....Montreal	763	20	18	18	
Macdonald .....Toronto	1,216	20%	17%	18%	
Maple Leaf.....Toronto	19	40	40	40	
Maple Leaf pf.....Toronto	42	93%	92	92%	
Maricopa Nor. Oil...Los. Ang.	58,000	15%	12%	13%	
Mergenthaler .....Boston	10	215%	215%	215%	
Mergenthaler .....Washington	68	216%	216%	216%	
Midway Nor. Oil...Los. Ang.	1,000	46	46	46	
Monarch pf.....Toronto	50	91	90	90	
Montgomery Ward pf...Chicago	95	100%	100%	100%	
Montreal Cotton pf...Montreal	71	103	103	103	
Morris & Co. 4s...Chicago	\$2,000	86%	86%	86%	
Mt. V.-W. Cot. Duck 5s...Balt.	\$10,000	67%	66%	67%	
NAT. BISCUIT .....Chicago	100	120%	120%	120%	
Nat. Biscuit pf.....Boston	10	118%	118%	118%	
National Brick bonds...Montreal	\$4,500	74%	74	74	
National Brick stock...Montreal	100	52%	51	51	
National Candy.....St. Louis	145	8	8	8	
National Carbon pf...Chicago	10	114	114	114	
Nat. Fireproof...Pittsburgh	1,375	11%	10	11	
Nat. Fireproof pf...Pittsburgh	730	30	28%	29%	
Nat. Pac. Oil...Los. Ang.	143,000	00%	07%	07%	
Neuralgyne .....Cleveland	3	171	171	171	
N. & W. Steamboat 5s...Wash.	\$600	105	105	105	
N. E. Cot. Yarn....Boston	60	20	20	20	
N. E. Cot. Yarn 5s...Boston	\$2,000	90	90	90	
New Theatre pf.....Balt.	4	45	45	45	
Nova Scotia St. & C. ....Montreal	80	80%	80	80	
*Nova Steel .....Toronto	5	80%	80%	80%	
OGILVIE MILLING...Montreal	190	120%	119%	120	
Ogilvie bonds .....Montreal	\$1,000	106%	106%	106%	
Ohio Fuel Oil....Pittsburgh	682	16%	15%	15%	
Ohio Fuel Supply...Pittsburgh	100	42%	42	42%	
Oklahoma Gas....Pittsburgh	30	61%	61%	61%	
Onomea Sugar....San Fran.	100	21%	21%	21%	
Osage & Okla. Gas....Pitts.	100	54%	54	54	
PALMER UN. OIL...San Fr.	1,000	02	02	02	
Pennmans .....Toronto	50	81%	81%	81%	
Pennmans pf....Montreal	500	81	81	81	
Penn. Steel of...Philadelphia	28	68	68	68	
Penn. Salt Mfg...Philadelphia	54	105%	105	105%	
Pittsburgh Brew...Pittsburgh	1,062	15%	15%	15%	
Pitts. Brew. pf...Pittsburgh	29	35%	35%	35%	
Pitts. Coal deb 5s...Pittsburgh	\$4,000	91%	91%	91%	
Pitts. Coal pf...Pittsburgh	280	91	90	90	
Pitts. Oil & Gas...Pittsburgh	120	9%	9	9	
Pitts. Plate Glass...Pittsburgh	35	97%	97	97%	
Prem. Oil...San Francisco	3,000	22	22	22	
Producers Trans. Los Angeles	10	72%	72%	72%	
Pullman Palace Car...Boston	70	153%	152	152	
Pure Oil .....Pittsburgh	897	15%	15%	15%	
QUAKER OATS....Chicago	185	200	200	200	
Quaker Oats pf....Chicago	10	104%	104%	104%	
REECE BUTTONHOLE. ....Bos.	120	18	16%	16%	
Reco. Folding .....Boston	45	3%	3	3%	
Rep. Iron & Steel....Phila.	10	18%	18%	18%	
Rich. & Ont. Nav....Montreal	1,700	111	109%	109%	
Rich. & Ont. Nav....Toronto	50	100%	100%	109%	
Rogers .....Toronto	75	146%	146	146	
Rumely .....Chicago	23	20	20	20	
SAWYER MASSY....Toronto	4	31	31	31	
Sears-Roebuck .....Chicago	4,283	187%	179%	179%	
S. C. P. Cement...San Fran.	25	49	48	48	
Sherwood & Williams...Mont.	47	98	98	98	
Sherwood William bonds...Mon.	\$1,000	98	98	98	
Span.-Am. Iron & S. 6s...Phila.	\$3,000	101	100%	101	
Spanish R. P. & G....Montreal	954	15%	14	15%	
*Spanish R. P. & G....Toronto	763	16	14	14%	
Spanish R. P. & G. pf...Mont.	15	45%	45	45	
Spanish R. P. & G. pf...Toronto	40	45	44%	44%	
Steel Co. of Canada...Toronto	75	20	19%	19%	
Steel Co. of Canada...Montreal	10	19%	19%	19%	
Steel Co. of Can. pf...Montreal	32	85%	85	85%	

State, Municipal, Etc.

Bonds.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
City of Balt. 34s...Balt.	\$200	82	82	82	
City of Balt. 4s...55%	\$8,000	95	95	95	
City of Balt. 4s...58...	\$4,000	95	94%	95	
City of Balt. 4s...61%	\$6,000	95	95	95	
City of Balt. 4s...54...	\$5,000	95	95	95	
City of Balt. 5s...1916...	\$1,000	101%	101%	101%	
City of N. O. prem. bds.N. O.	\$400	261	261	261	
City of New Orleans 4s...N. O.	\$10,000	92	91%	92	
City of New Or. pub.	imp. 4s. 1930.....N. O.	\$1,000	89%	89%	89%
State of La. 4s.....N. O.	\$2,000	99	99	99	

Banks, Etc.

Stock.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
ALLIANCE INSUR....Phila.	100	16	16	16	
BANKERS TRUST...St. Louis	10	106	106	106	
Bank of Calif...San Francisco	10	197	197	197	
Bank of Commerce...Montreal	120	206	205%	205%	
Bank of Commerce...St. Louis	104	136	135	135	
Bank of Commerce...Balt.	5	31%	31%	31%	
Bank of Commerce...Toronto	136	206%	204%	204%	
Brit. Nor. Am....Montreal	6	152	152	152	
CANAL LÁ B. & T. N. Orl.	10	98	98	98	
Canada Permanent...Toronto	178	182%	182%	182%	
Chi. Title & Trust....Chicago	125	214	214	214	
Citizens Bank....Baltimore	20	43	42%	43	
Columbia Title & Ins...Wash.	15	64	64	64%	
Confed. Loan .....Toronto	25	380	380	380	
Cont. Trust .....Washington	80	117	116	117	
DOMINION .....Toronto	36	223	224%	224%	
Dominion .....Montreal	4	22%	22%	22%	
FED. NAT. BANK....Wash.	18	135	134%	134%	
Fidelity & Deposit....Balt.	18	150	150	150	
Firemen's Fund...San Fran.	10	238	238	238	
GER.-AM. NAT. BK....N. O.	20	161	160	161	
HAMILTON .....Toronto	2	220	220	220	
Hibern. B. & T. Co....N. Orl.	30	318	316	316	
Hochalaga .....Montreal	110	155	154	155	
Huron & Erie.....Toronto	50	211	211	211	
IMPERIAL .....Toronto	114	214	213	214	
Ins. Co. of N. A. ....Phila.	171	22	21%	21%	
KELLY ISLAND L. & T. Clev.	48	139	139	139	
LON. & CAN. BK....Toronto	2	118	118	118	
MD. CASUALTY...Baltimore	27				

Latest Earnings of Important Railroads

Below are shown the earnings of important railroads according to the latest reports published. The net earnings are in some cases the figure resulting from the

deduction of expenses alone from gross receipts, in others it is the amount remaining after taxes have been paid and car settlements made with other railroads. As

each railroad reports its net in the same way from month to month, these figures, published currently, are the best guide to those interested.

August Gross and Net Earnings

August Compared with Same Month in 1912.

Gross		Net				
Amount.	Change.	Amount.	Change.			
\$9,731,956	+	\$101,143	\$3,288,257	—	\$73,753	—
9,443,154	+	564,883	3,048,778	+	181,527	—
4,580,644	—	57,140	1,386,938	—	163,758	—
1,824,800	+	79,000	403,600	+	37,800	—
11,434,459	—	817,257	3,961,139	—	756,787	—
1,002,793	—	85,525	89,238	—	104,447	—
2,856,866	—	217,521	1,272,042	—	204,499	—
3,244,635	+	30,336	1,179,023	+	70,395	—
1,473,369	+	70,110	430,808	+	55,894	—
9,059,969	+	571,985	3,233,919	—	194,373	—
1,307,545	+	67,676	394,042	+	44,406	—
7,870,612	—	240,665	1,903,603	—	1,045,639	—
8,409,803	+	369,611	2,705,887	—	170,758	—
1,523,734	+	42,404	313,643	—	42,270	—
1,371,634	+	148,386	435,313	+	44,564	—
3,636,234	+	143,485	1,378,413	—	44,649	—
2,075,478	+	22,946	807,525	—	47,025	—
2,239,603	+	24,144	583,679	+	9,484	—
5,651,051	—	90,658	1,348,478	—	460,107	—
6,916,916	+	40,841	2,534,786	—	408,517	—
5,967,122	+	380,602	991,805	+	67,745	—
915,550	—	20,200	378,458	—	5,414	—
3,672,296	—	327,545	1,328,681	—	151,758	—
5,092,247	+	199,294	991,805	+	67,175	—
1,058,880	—	16,790	304,435	—	57,815	—
1,655,393	+	53,814	454,266	—	121,328	—
969,137	+	54,562	289,893	+	1,396	—
5,495,116	—	117,767	1,541,321	—	11,586	—
2,930,169	+	238,447	877,358	+	14,916	—
1,050,744	—	47,522	170,765	—	45,452	—
2,955,441	—	2,520,093	372,320	—	1,792,482	—
26,819,396	+	794,169	9,437,560	—	2,232,081	—
10,629,957	+	495,929	3,057,210	—	241,900	—
6,100,010	—	310,184	2,086,280	—	708,313	—
3,933,478	+	57,656	859,344	—	229,094	—
6,013,758	—	21,790	2,153,109	—	190,330	—
36,271,736	+	937,086	9,266,903	—	1,037,861	—
16,496,371	+	699,310	4,226,849	—	187,109	—
.....	1,341,312	—	929,078	—
4,234,747	—	183,440	1,322,667	—	447,572	—
6,325,668	—	288,718	1,719,557	—	391,021	—
3,973,997	+	246,425	1,223,272	—	125,693	—
1,787,449	+	11,824	415,895	—	4,762	—
12,254,090	—	193,097	3,811,407	—	975,092	—
5,665,399	+	24,029	1,397,440	—	244,441	—
8,441,501	—	9,936	3,252,748	—	582,645	—
2,871,760	—	60,428	743,472	—	142,701	—
890,380	+	131,551	139,895	+	75,751	—

*Fiscal year begins Jan. 1.

CHASTENING COUNSEL

Canada Meets It Half Way With Frank Self-Criticism

(The Monetary Times, Canada.)

The financial experiences during the past few years of many Canadian industrial concerns have been sufficiently interesting for a large number of promoters and financiers to change their methods. There have been enough reorganizations, doubtful amalgamations, receiverships, and dividend passings for a great many gentlemen to assume a more humble air and to resolve not to attempt any further pyrotechnics in finance. The British investor has suffered by some of the industrial breakdowns, and it is not surprising that one of his mouthpieces has found it necessary to say a few straightforward things. The London Financial Times, in a recent issue, discusses the insolvency of the Canada Iron Corporation, and describes as a bolt from the blue the Western Canada Trust's urgent demand for \$250,000 to prevent the entire close of the business with great loss even to the holders of the corporation's first bonds.

The paper asks how these things can be, with a properly managed company, capitalized at \$12,379,200, and claiming a credit profit and loss balance of \$406,400, and continues:

The number and seriousness of failures among industrial companies of the Dominion recently is such that if Canada wishes to retain the confidence of British investors, her leaders of industry must adopt a far more conservative financial policy and refrain from attempting to carry a volume of business which no English concern would dream of doing without much greater liquid resources. Canadians are fond of telling us that they are no longer children to be led in leading strings, but are a great nation. If they really desire to be regarded in this light, they must act a great deal more circumspectly in commer-

Railroad.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.	Amount.	Change.	P. C.
Atch., Topeka & Santa Fe	\$18,874,941	+	1.5	\$6,147,300	+	1.2
Baltimore & Ohio	18,281,964	+	1.350,808	+	5,741,586	+
Boston & Maine	8,857,708	+	11,409	+	2,434,499	—
Canadian Northern	3,753,600	+	178,100	+	922,900	+
Canadian Pacific	23,427,521	—	876,593	—	8,077,932	—
Central R. R. of Georgia	2,008,082	—	208,861	—	207,768	—
Central R. R. of N. J.	5,660,947	—	227,347	—	2,469,433	—
Chesapeake & Ohio	6,106,518	+	90,246	+	2,063,709	—
Chicago & Alton	2,801,639	+	167,769	+	741,974	+
Chicago, Bur. & Quincy	16,814,527	+	1,030,620	—	5,520,815	+
Chicago Great Western	2,503,475	+	194,330	+	677,385	+
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	15,611,120	+	106,296	+	4,133,917	—
Chicago & Northwestern	15,893,582	+	1,003,473	+	4,525,734	—
Chi., St. P., M. & O.	2,959,118	+	184,791	+	626,889	—
Colorado & Southern	2,575,989	+	303,846	+	750,616	+
Del., Lack. & Western	7,185,827	+	358,622	+	2,640,834	—
Delaware & Hudson	13,776,695	+	1,615,151	+	5,504,630	+
Denver & Rio Grande	4,284,215	+	11,617	+	966,359	—
Erie	11,189,254	+	66,007	+	2,792,921	—
Great Northern	14,432,643	+	1,087,646	+	5,659,426	+
Illinois Central	11,055,029	+	371,496	+	1,760,285	+
Kansas City Southern	1,729,433	—	40,115	—	662,182	—
Lehigh Valley	7,119,997	—	413,550	—	2,460,871	—
Louisville & Nashville	10,017,441	+	623,313	+	2,317,172	—
Maine Central	2,656,862	+	20,863	+	557,016	—
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	3,401,995	+	303,899	+	933,020	—
Chicago Division	1,916,055	+	135,172	+	567,910	+
Missouri Pacific	10,632,285	—	164,551	—	1,609,763	+
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	5,586,178	+	611,025	+	1,609,763	+
Nash., Chat. & St. L.	2,077,942	—	64,550	—	302,750	—
National Rys. of Mexico	5,678,918	—	4,764,678	—	417,628	—
New York Central Lines	*197,029,804	+	19,375,017	+	49,786,266	+
N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R.	*76,597,004	+	6,725,196	+	19,102,883	+
N. Y., N. H. & H.	11,878,288	—	285,671	—	3,979,899	—
Norfolk & Western	7,779,205	—	323,532	+	1,688,605	—
St. L. & San Francisco	7,667,527	+	662,675	+	2,423,727	+
Seaboard Air Line	3,599,662	+	85,547	+	844,730	+
Southern Pacific	24,015,101	—	194,477	—	7,228,475	—
Southern Railway	11,090,232	—	5,971	—	2,622,729	—
Union Pacific	16,264,110	—	5,911	—	5,950,359	—
Wabash	5,614,576	+	127,376	+	1,361,136	—
Yazoo & Miss. Valley	1,698,209	+	213,213	+	178,555	+

cial matters, and not allow their desire to do business outrun their financial discretion.

The Monetary Times reluctantly admits that this advice is timely and has been earned. During the past few years there have been reorganized the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation, the Black Lake Consolidated Asbestos Corporation, the Dominion Sawmills, Limited, the Canadian Cereal and Milling Company, the Canadian Coal and Coke Company, and several others. In many instances it was found necessary to wipe out altogether the bonds or to cut the bond issues in a severe way. Several industrial amalgamations have been effected, apparently for high-sounding economic reasons, but actually to save disaster to some of the companies participating. More than one company has found it necessary to pass dividends. The stocks of other companies have declined so badly that one cannot be blamed for surmising that something is radically wrong with their internal organization and finances. These events make a sad comparison with the optimistic utterances of the promoters in the various prospectuses.

Several reasons can be ascribed for the poor financing which has been exhibited by too many Canadians. First, there is the national characteristic of optimism. In a country of vast natural resources and possibilities, such as Canada, it is difficult to adopt and maintain a conservative tone. It is difficult to train the financial mind not to base estimates on what one would like to achieve in times of high prosperity, but on what one may have to do in times of depression. This has been seen in the difference in estimates of earnings which promoters made, and in the actual earnings their companies made subsequently. Then, again, there has been the desire of promoters to acquire goodly sums by easy methods. It is not difficult to merge companies, stick on a few millions of

bonds and stocks and pocket a few hundred thousand for doing the job. It is far more difficult for the company to earn enough money to pay dividends. Overcapitalization, sometimes indulged in to cover promoters' profits, is a bad practice for a young country which must borrow heavily for many years to come to continue its developments.

It is in the best interests of Canada to adopt a far more conservative attitude in regard to its company promotions. Why not try capitalization in hundreds of thousands rather than in millions? It is time that some of our financiers examined their methods for the benefit of Canadian credit and investors everywhere in our securities.

High Cost of Speculating

Special Correspondence of The Annalist

LONDON, Oct. 1.—So dead are the stock markets here there is nothing to do but to discuss why they are dead. Many attribute the lack of business to the new scale of fiscal minimum commission which brokers are obliged to charge to their clients. It is too high, it is said, and either keeps the small speculator out of the markets altogether or drives him to "outside" brokers who are not members of the Stock Exchange, and are not bound by the scale. An agitation gathers force for its revision. It is probable that the increase in the cost of speculation which the scale causes does check business, but the ultimate reasons for its inactivity are more deeply seated. The chief, in a word, is that there is nothing for the speculator to "go for." No market offers a hope of a sharp and speedy rise in prices. Nature must help with some sudden and unexpected gift of fresh natural wealth to the commercial man before he will take the rosy view of the outlook for profit which is necessary to a speculative boom, however small and local.

Labor

When Much Machinery Displaces Human Skill

Labor Must Organize to Move in Brute Force of Numbers, and This Is the Tendency in Unionism To-Day

By W. Jett Lauck.

One of the most significant tendencies of present-day industry is the elimination of the elements of skill and training formerly required of wage-earners in mines and factories. Automatic machinery or improved technical and mechanical processes are used as substitutes. With the introduction of the automatic loom and the ring spinning frame in cotton mills the old spinner and weaver have disappeared. Only a few weeks' training is now required to make a cotton mill operative. In the glass factories machines are used to blow bottles, as well as plate and window glass. Their installation has given the signal for the departure of the glass-blowers of former years who were required to serve a long period of apprenticeship at their trade. The necessity of employing pick miners has in a large number of our bituminous mines been eliminated by the invention of the mining machine. In the iron and steel mills cranes of great lifting power, automatic rollers and self-loading furnaces do the work of a host of skilled employees who formerly were enrolled in the operating forces.

And so it is in the other branches of mining and manufacturing. The machine is becoming the main factor. The operative is subordinate. The "efficiency of labor" is a misnomer unless used in connection with efficiency of machinery. Industrial workers are rapidly becoming dependent upon the machine and the requisites of skill and training are growing less and less.

INDIVIDUAL WORKMAN LOSES HOLD

One result from the wage-earner's standpoint has been the loss of bargaining power. He no longer has the monopoly strength, as it were, which arises from skill and training. The trade union, in the strictest sense of the word—an organization including workers in one trade—is disappearing and the industrial union, or an association of all those in a given branch of manufacturing or mining, is taking its place. The loom fixers, the machinists, the puddlers, or the braticemmen do not in these days enter labor controversies. It is the cotton mill operatives, the iron and steel workers, and the coal miners. Efforts among radical labor leaders abroad and, to some extent in this country, are being made to organize general industrial unions without reference to any particular industry. It is clear, however, that the struggle between labor and capital in the future will be based on industries and not upon industrial occupations. The labor organizations will not attempt to control skill, but numbers.

The main benefit which should arise to the wage-earner and to the consumer by the adoption of improved machinery should be an increased productiveness of industry or a growth in output which would mean lower prices, more real wages, and a better standard of living, and at the same time a higher rate of return to capital. Such would be the result if industry were unhampered. By way of illustration, a steel worker in Pennsylvania, according to the State Secretary of Internal Affairs, in 1902 received on an average only \$1.89 per day and turned out 1.51 tons of pig iron. In 1909 his wages had advanced to \$2.09 per day, but his output was 2.39 tons. His annual earnings were \$81 more in 1909 than in 1902. The increased productivity per man was due to the installation of improved machinery. The average daily production per man had advanced 58 per cent. and wages only 10 per cent. The working hours were the same, and the price of the product in 1909 was the same per ton as in 1902. During the same period the entire labor cost of a ton of pig iron decreased from \$1.25 to 82 cents. The cost of manufacture, of course, was increased to the extent of the interest charge on the new capital invested in machinery. The increase in profit to the manufacturer was also conditioned upon the extent to which prices for pig iron were maintained over the period under consideration.

IN IRON AND STEEL

In the iron and steel industry of the country as a whole some very interesting results have also been recently obtained by an investigation of the United States Bureau of Corporations and of

Labor. For each man employed in the blast furnaces in 1910 the average daily output was 5.8 tons as compared with 2.4 tons in 1900 and 1.8 tons in 1890. In other words, the output per man per day in 1890 was only 31 per cent. of what it was in 1910, and in 1900 was only 41 per cent. of what it was in 1910. The average output per employee per day, therefore, during the decade 1900-1910 more than doubled. In 1910 each man employed at the docks in loading or unloading ores had an average daily output of 164 tons, as compared with only 13 tons in 1901, or, expressed in another form, the productive efficiency of each man employed at the docks in 1910 was more than 12 times greater than it was in 1901. As a result of the study of the Bessemer Converting works of a large steel plant, it was found that the relative productive efficiency of each worker was only 78 in 1900 as against 100 per cent. in 1910. The average output per man per day was 8.9 tons in 1910 as compared with only 6.2 tons in 1900.

These increases in output in the blast furnaces and steel mills are obviously accompanied by a decrease in the labor costs per unit of product. On the other hand, to what extent the tendency toward lower labor costs was offset by additional capital cost or the installation of improved mechanical appliances is impossible to determine. It is perfectly clear, however, that the output per employee and the lower outlay per employee for each unit of output was made possible only by the use of more efficient machinery in 1910 as compared with previous years.

The same tendencies are observable to a very marked degree in the transportation industry, where advances in costs of operation in the face of a decline in freight rates have been met by the development of superb operating efficiency by the leading railroads. The tractive power of locomotives and the capacity of cars have been increased so that a larger number of ton miles might be transported with a comparatively smaller number of freight-train miles.

IN MANUFACTURING AS A WHOLE

According to a recent study made by the Federal Bureau of Domestic and Foreign Commerce, the average annual wages of workers in all industries increased during the period 1899-1909 from \$426 to \$518, or 21 per cent. In 1899 the horse power used was 2.14 per worker, as compared with 2.82 per wage earner in the year 1909. The value added by manufacturing, or the average output per wage earner in terms of dollars and cents, advanced from \$1,025 in 1899 to \$1,290, or \$265 per wage earner. For each 100 horse power used in manufacturing in 1899 there was an average of 47 wage earners in 1899, as contrasted with only 35 in 1909. The labor cost per horse power was also \$16 less in 1909 than in 1899. For every \$1,000 added to the value of articles by manufacturing in 1899 \$416 was expended for labor, as contrasted with only \$402 during the last census year. No data are given in the report relative to capital investment for each wage earner or horse power or each \$1,000 in value of output, but even with this omission the facts show a decreasing labor cost and the increasing importance of machinery, as compared with the human element in manufacturing.

MAN AND MACHINE

In general it may be said that the statistics, so far as they are available, clearly indicate large advances during recent years in the productive efficiency of labor working in conjunction with improved mechanical appliances. The machine, or capital factor, however, has constantly tended to become predominant, and is the factor upon which the efficiency of industry is now conditioned. This state of affairs has rendered the position of the wage earner more precarious so far as his bargaining power is concerned. It has been found necessary to abandon the effort to control skill and attempt to control numbers. So far as there has been no control of prices by arbitrary means the worker and the general consumer have gained by a decrease in the cost of articles entering into their real wages. The tendency in the future will undoubtedly be for the consumer to attempt to secure a larger measure of participation in the output of industry through legislative action in preventing arbitrary control of prices. Organized labor will also undoubtedly insist upon advances in rates of compensation upon the grounds of increased productive efficiency and greater intensity of work, which will be resisted by the employer with the claim that these gains in output have primarily been the result of managerial ability and the greater outlay of capital. The outcome will depend primarily upon the extent to which the increasing supply of unskilled workmen can be organized and controlled.

Collective Bargaining

The Lake Mine Strike

On Wednesday the Michigan Supreme Court issued an order putting into effect in slightly modified form the injunction recently dissolved by the Houghton Circuit Court. The injunction includes prohibitions against picketing and trespass, and is expected to result in large additions to the working forces of the mines from men not on strike, but who through fear of bodily violence have stayed at home since the calling of the strike. On Thursday fifty additional strikebreakers started work in the Calumet and Hecla subsidiaries. Osceola is now producing 700 tons a day; Copper Range, 1,200; South Kearsarge, 400, and Calumet and Hecla, about 5,000 tons. President Quincy A. Shaw of the Calumet and Hecla has given out a statement in response to an attack made on the company by J. A. Walker, President of the Mining Department of the American Federation of Labor. The statement, in part, follows: "When Mr. Walker states to a public assembly that my annual salary as President of the Calumet and Hecla Company is in the neighborhood of \$300,000 and that the salary of a Vice President is \$85,000, it must be plain what impression he is endeavoring to create. My salary as President of the Calumet and Hecla is \$15,000 a year, and the salary of Mr. Agassiz, the First Vice President, is \$12,000. He charges that the men have been working eleven hours a day under a contract system. The hours of work for the great majority are approximately nine, and for some time we have been trying to plan operations so an eight-hour day would be possible.

"The payrolls of the last full month of the Calumet and Hecla shows that the miners were receiving an average wage of \$3.66 and the trammers net \$2.89. And this net wage means after deductions have been made for their medical assessment which entitled themselves and their families to medical treatment and medicines and for the aid fund which pays benefits in cases of sickness and minor injuries. Both of these are also supported in part by contributions from the company. In answer to the statement that now only 250 men are employed in all the mines, the payrolls show that the total number of men at work for the Calumet company alone, exclusive of its smelters, is something over 3,000. I think it approximately true to say that 1,500 or more men are at work under ground. These figures do not include men at work in the Osceola, Isle Royale, Superior, Quincy, and Copper Range mines. This trouble has not come from our men, but from an element from outside which has attempted for its own purposes to take control of the labor field. We have with us hundreds of men who own their own houses, who are bringing up their families in a way creditable to the district and the country, and our relations with them even during this trouble have never changed. It is a business as well as a sentimental proposition that a contented working staff is the first requisite for real efficiency in any undertaking, and that is what we have always kept in mind in our relations with our employees."

The State of Employment in Germany

According to the Reichsarbeitsblatt the state of the labor market in Germany during June was on the whole still satisfactory, but there was some decline compared with May, 1913, and also with June, 1912. Returns relating to unemployment were furnished to the Imperial Labor Department by 49 trade unions, with an aggregate membership of 2,064,232. Omitting branches which failed to make returns, the membership covered was 2,010,754, of whom 53,069, or 2.7 per cent., were stated to be unemployed at the end of June, as against 2.5 per cent. in the previous month, and 1.7 per cent. in June, 1912. Particulars for each of the principal unions that contributed to make up these general percentages are given below:

Principal Unions—	Membership	Returned as	Reported on	Unemployed at	End of	End of Month.
All unions making returns...	2,010,754	2.7	2.5	1.7	June, 1913.	June, 1913. 1912.
Principal Unions—						
Metal Workers, (Soc. Dem.)	561,733	2.2	2.2	1.3		
Engineers and Met. Wk's. (Hirsch-Duncker.)	30,803	2.2	2.1	1.4		
Metal Workers (Christian).	42,039	1.0	1.1	0.6		
Textile Workers (Soc. D.)	142,152	1.1	1.0	0.6		
Textile Workers (Christian)	40,050	0.4	0.5	0.4		
Boot and Shoe Makers....	43,842	2.4	1.8	1.5		
Transport Workers	236,958	1.9	1.8	1.1		
Printers	66,274	6.1	3.0	5.5		
Bookbinders	34,068	3.2	3.0	3.0		
Woodworkers	103,864	5.2	5.0	2.8		
Bakers	27,897	6.8	7.1	6.4		
Brewery and Corn Mill Workers	47,709	1.0	1.2	1.0		
Tobacco Workers	34,056	8.1	4.1	1.6		
Factory Workers, (irrespect. of trade)	214,265	1.2	1.3	0.9		
State and Municip. Wk's...	51,918	0.6	0.7	0.4		

The number of days lost owing to unemployment during the second quarter of 1913 by members of trade unions making returns was calculated to be 1.8 per cent. of the possible working days during that period, as compared with 2.1 per cent. in the previous quarter and 1.1 per cent. in the second quarter of 1912.

Against the Closed Shop

President Worthington of Chicago & Alton says: "Labor can never gain a position of wholesome permanency by arbitrary methods of the closed shop and limited output. Railroads do not want to sacrifice interests mutual with labor and the public, but the alternative is denied by legislation and other arbitrary measures to which railroads themselves were not a party in framing."

Farmers Combining With Unionists

Recently over 2,000 union farmers and trade unionists gathered at Waycross, Ga., for an all-day session. Charles S. Barrett, National President of the Farmers' Union, was the chief spokesman of the day. After the addresses were concluded a motion was unanimously carried providing for the appointment of a committee of three from the Farmers' Union and three trades unionists to formulate some plan of co-operation.

Mining

Gold Mining on a Manufacturing Basis

A New Alaskan Company with a Huge Ore Body Is to Handle 6,000 Tons a Day at a Cost of 75 Cents a Ton

The handling of huge tonnages of very low grade gold ore was, until comparatively recent times, considered generally unprofitable. The prospector, promoter, and investor all preferred the smaller property containing rich deposits, where operating costs were not of much consequence so long as streaks of high grade were to be found. For a long time the famous Homestake Mine was the only important exception on this continent, but, as with the copper industry, where the porphyries have revolutionized ideas, the tendency now seems to be to reduce gold mining to a manufacturing proposition. Ore so low in grade that it was long considered commercially impossible is being handled profitably.

A PIONEER

In Alaska the great Treadwell group were the pioneers. On this property hundreds of stamps are dropping continuously on something like 75,000 tons of ore each month, and the values run only about \$2.50 a ton. Measured by the standards of a few years ago, and considering the cost of labor, machinery and the many other items which enter the cost of producing a ton of ore, this is a marvelous accomplishment, but now an even greater one is to be attempted, and, judging by reports of the engineers, with very good prospects of success. The new venture will be made by the Alaska Gold Mines Company, which has acquired control of the Alaska Gastineau Mining Company, and will develop its properties. It purposed to handle 6,000 tons of ore a day, the average value of which is estimated at \$1.50, at a cost of 75 cents a ton.

The properties are situated in the vicinity of Juneau, Alaska, in what is known as the Juneau Gold Belt, and consist of four groups, known as the Alaska Perseverance, Ground Hog, Silver Bow Basin, and Sheep Creek groups. Together with some smaller properties which the company has acquired, the whole property area comprises about 1,200 acres, having a maximum length of about 18,000 feet and a maximum width of about 5,000 feet. All the claims are connected and a series of veins runs along the property for more than two miles. The company also owns water rights, rights-of-way for flumes, a reservoir site, &c.

In the first annual report it is stated that prior to the organization of the company these mines and properties were examined by competent mining engineers, who reported the existence of a very large tonnage of gold ore averaging about \$2 per ton, according to sampling and assaying done in the usual way. All of the principal groups previously named as constituting the major portion of the mining property have been developed and worked to some extent, but the greatest amount of work had been done on the Perseverance group. Small milling plants had been operated in connection with the Perseverance, Sheep Creek, and Ground Hog groups, and in 1907 a 100-stamp mill having a capacity of about 500 tons per day was constructed and put in operation on the Perseverance section. This mill could only be operated for a few months in the Summer on account of shortage of water supply for power and milling purposes during cold weather, but up to the end of the year 1911 it had treated over 300,000 tons of ore from the Perseverance vein. The maximum recovery for any year of the five year period was \$2.26 per ton; the minimum recovery for a year's operation was \$1.45 per ton; the average for the five years being in excess of \$1.75 per ton. The average gross value of the 300,000 tons of ore delivered to the mill during the five years was about \$2.05 per ton. At the time of this examination the Perseverance vein had been developed to an average width of 70 feet for a length of about 1,800 feet, these developments being at a depth of about 1,600 feet on the dip of the vein, below its surface cropping. For portions of this length the vein had been partially stoped and otherwise developed to a maximum height of over 200 feet above the main level. The evidence of this work, together with that of surface developments along the outcrop of the vein, was considered by the examining engineers as sufficient upon

which to base a technical estimate of about 17,000,000 tons of ore as reasonably to be expected above the main level and within the length of vein developed at the time the examination was made in the Autumn of the year 1911.

A REPORT

In July, 1912, another report was made by two mining engineers, Messrs. D. C. Jackling and A. F. Holden, who said, in part:

We have considered the probable capital requirements for a capacity of 6,000 tons per day, which contemplates a hydro-electric power plant; mine development and equipment, including all the necessary living quarters, both at the Perseverance mine proper and at the mill, and driving the long adit tunnel. We believe that \$4,500,000 will do this work.

Our belief is that the substantially indicated ore body is about 4,500 feet long by 70 feet wide. The value of the 600,000 tons of ore that have been mined from this body in three different large stopes indicates that a recovery of at least \$1.50 per ton can be made. We believe that there will be 75 cents per ton profit in this grade of ore. The Sheep Creek Tunnel, which will be driven on the vein as the main haulage level, will develop this ore body at an average depth of about 2,200 feet on the dip of the vein, or about 700 feet deeper than present developments.

The character of this vein is similar in a very general way to other large deposits of gold ore in the same vicinity in which the values at a vertical depth of 1,600 feet, or 2,000 feet on the dip of the vein from its apex, are practically the same to-day as they were on the surface, and have been throughout the development of the deposit in question. We visited these mines and saw their deep levels, and, if there is any inference to be drawn from the continuity of these ore bodies, which are not, however, on the same vein as the Perseverance, one might be tempted to say that there is a probability of ore 2,500 feet deeper than the so-called Sheep Creek Tunnel which we contemplate driving, but while the probability is there of the vein and values extending to great depth, there is nothing to-day to warrant anybody in stating that it is a fact that such will be the case.

There are substantially 50,000,000 tons in the ore body we consider definitely indicated. There is a probability of another 2,000 feet to the east of the 4,500-foot ore zone previously mentioned, which, from surface indications, would seem fairly certain to contain ore.

This is based solely on a consideration of \$1.50 recoverable value as ore. If one should figure on lower values, assuming 75 cents as the total cost of mining and milling, the tonnage now indicated is indefinite, but certainly enormous.

LOW COST

Inasmuch as the cost of 75 cents a ton for all expenses is lower than has been obtained elsewhere, there has been considerable comment on it, but the company believes it has fully demonstrated that this is a correct estimate. When the property was acquired there was a small mill on it. This mill was operated for nine months in 1912, and, treating an average of less than 500 tons a day, the expenses of all kinds were under 81 cents a ton. Undoubtedly there will be a great difference in the per-ton expense of handling 500 tons and 6,000 tons, so it is reasonable to expect that the cost of 75 cents will be realized.

Perhaps the most significant feature of this new enterprise is the possibility of similar developments elsewhere. In many places thousands of tons of ore which contain values much above 75 cents are discarded and go to the dumps as purely waste matter. Yet the mining of each ton discarded costs as much as mining a ton of high-grade, and the latter must pay for the wasted labor and wear and tear on the machinery caused by the former. If costs can be reduced to a point where such ore can be profitably handled it will certainly have a very material effect on the world's gold production. But a greater possibility than this is that of opening new ground which has hitherto been considered not worth while. Many camps have large areas of such ground. The effect of their development on the gold mining industry can scarcely be guessed.

The Mining Exposition

The first national mining exposition to be given in Philadelphia, Oct. 17 to 25, under the auspices of the American Mining Congress has gone far beyond the expectation of its promoters. Conceived but three months ago, its artistic and business success were assured fully a month ago.

"The response made by the mining men of the United States to the call for this exposition," said Richard L. Humphrey, Director of the exposition, "only serves to indicate what a real need there has been existing for such an exposition. It was quickly realized that this would not be merely a show for the curious, with doubtful results to the exhibitors. The American Mining Congress which is to hold its convention at the same time will bring to Philadelphia more than 2,000 of the leading mining men of the country and these will attend the exposition in addition to the men who will come solely for the exposition. Considering the short time that the exposition has been under way, I believe that it will be a most remarkable show."

The Metal Markets

NEW YORK.—The copper market did not respond to the strained statistical position shown by the copper producers' statement, which was issued on Wednesday, and remained dull all week. Notwithstanding the likelihood of an advance in prices, consumers showed no interest in the situation, at least not in the market. Production last month fell off to 131,401,229 pounds. Deliveries also were smaller, at 130,922,172 pounds, compared with 146,913,270 pounds in August. The world's visible supply on Oct. 1 was only 92,311,494 pounds. This is the smallest stock existing for more than five years, and at the present rate of consumption only a little more than a week's supply. A Director of the American Smelting and Refining Company is quoted as saying in reference to copper metal: "The position of copper is so strong that it would require only a slight impetus to start a runaway market. Under the circumstances, I am surprised that prices have held so well within bounds. In spite of all adverse factors, the demand keeps up in Europe, and is unabated here, and therefore am I of the opinion that the metal will go higher, not because I am bullish on copper, but because, in view of the underlying conditions which exist in the copper trade, I don't see what alternative there is." In The American Metal Market "Walker" of Boston says:

"There is a striking similarity between the August and September figures. Production and exports were almost precisely the same; but domestic deliveries were about 7,000,000 pounds smaller, and this was reflected by a similar decrease in total deliveries. The figures of either domestic deliveries or exports for any one month, however, cannot be relied upon to show that consumption is increasing or declining either at home or abroad. Should there be a further falling off in domestic deliveries next month, however, it would indicate clearly a shrinkage in home consumption. It will be surprising, indeed, if the world's surplus continues to decline from month to month in the future. American production and imports for 21 days last month equaled the present total world's visible supplies. It seems impossible, therefore, that the world's turnover of 200,000,000 pounds of copper monthly can be accomplished with any smaller stocks in hand, and, therefore, visible, than now exist. Unless there is to be an immediate and quite decided decrease in consumption, both in this country and abroad, a further considerable advance in the price of the metal seems unavoidable. During the past three years consumption has exceeded production to the extent of about 310,000,000 pounds, besides absorbing meanwhile all of the copper returning to market in the form of old metals. So far, there is very little, if any, indication that consumption is slowing up, while on the other hand, the growth of output is extremely slow, the production and imports of the United States for the first nine months having shown an increase over the similar period of last year of only 52,000,000 pounds. With the Lake Superior mining district practically idle, and production curtailed to some extent in Mexico by the revolutionary conditions there, it is reasonably certain that there will be no further material increase in production for a long time to come. At the same time, the outlook favors a quite steady growth of consumptive demand."

Below are the copper statistics for September, issued Wednesday by Copper Producers' Association, together with the figures for the last two months:

	July.	August.	Sept'ber.
Stocks on the 1st of the month	52,904,066	53,594,945	38,314,067
Production in the U. S. from all domestic and foreign sources	138,074,602	131,632,362	131,401,229
Total available supply	190,979,208	185,237,307	169,713,266
Deliveries for domestic consumption	58,904,192	73,649,901	60,836,897
Deliveries for export	78,480,071	73,263,469	73,085,275
Total deliveries	137,384,263	146,913,270	130,922,172
Stocks at the end of the month	53,594,945	38,314,067	29,793,094

	London	New York
	(Pence.)	(Cents.)
Saturday, Oct. 4.	28 5-16	61%
Monday, Oct. 6.	28%	61
Tuesday, Oct. 7.	28%	61 1/4
Wednesday, Oct. 8.	28%	60 1/2
Thursday, Oct. 9.	28%	60 1/2
Friday, Oct. 10.	28%	60%
Saturday, Oct. 11.	28 1/4	61 1/4

Mines and Companies

ANACONDA.—The Anaconda Copper Mining Company, after a long series of experiments, has had erected a small experimental plant for the treatment of slimes and tailings by a leaching process. The plant is about ready to be put in operation, and should it prove the success that experiments have shown, it is only a question of time when a large plant will be erected.

ARIZONA COMMERCIAL.—Third crosscut east on the 1,200 level has passed into softer and richer ore. The crosscut has cut 26 feet of ore.

IRADEN COPPER, (New York).—Braden Copper mills treated 77,304 tons of ore, and blister production was 1,332,000 pounds of copper in September, which compares as follows:

	Pounds.	Pounds.	
January	1,082,000	June	1,098,000
February	1,178,000	July	1,046,000
March	1,472,000	August	1,572,000
April	1,148,000	September	1,332,000
May	1,148,000		

CALUMET AND ARIZONA.—Calumet and Arizona exercised on Oct. 1 option which it held on a portion of the stock of the New Cornelia Copper Company, and has continued option on balance of the company's capital stock. The property of the New Cornelia Company is located at Ajo, Ariz., and the Calumet and Arizona has

been doing development work therein for a considerable period. The full amount required to exercise options will be about \$800,000.

CHINO.—Production in September was 4,435,873 pounds, comparing with 6,050,867 in August. We make comparison as follows:

	1913.	1912.
Six months	24,013,704	7,561,624
July	4,831,185	3,100,000
August	6,650,867	3,618,220
September	4,435,873	3,443,546

GERMAN COPPER CONSUMPTION.—L. Gogelstein & Co. of New York have compiled the following figures of German consumption of foreign copper for the months of January to July, 1913:

	Tons.
Imports of copper	134,293
Exports of copper	6,010
Consumption of copper	128,283
This compares with consumption for the same period in 1912 of 120,071 tons. Of the above quantity 115,349 tons were imported from the United States.	

GOLDFIELD.—Preliminary official figures of operating results of Goldfield Consolidated for September, 1913, compare with previous three months as follows:

	September.	August.	July.	June.
Tons ore mined	27,965	32,119	29,550	30,486
Net earnings	\$152,000	\$104,000	\$168,754	\$180,782

GRANBY.—The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company has issued its pamphlet report for the year ended June 30, 1913. The production and income account compares as follows:

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Copper, lbs.	22,688,614	13,231,121	17,855,130	22,750,111
Silver, oz.	324,336	223,305	343,504	355,749
Gold, oz.	47,266	33,982	41,744	48,804
Gross	\$4,274,691	\$2,874,759	\$3,216,014	\$4,069,925
Wk exp., &c.	3,568,002	2,291,380	2,299,489	3,534,978
Net profit	1,214,599	583,379	216,524	564,941
Depreciation, &c.	81,495	600,562	599,263	599,263
Dividends	449,953	148,481	270,000	270,000
Surplus	633,149	*17,183	68,043	*234,817
Previous surplus	2,516,122	2,532,303	2,464,570	2,698,687
P. & L. surplus	3,199,271	2,516,121	2,532,414	2,464,370
*Deficit. *After adjustments.				

MIAMI COPPER CO.—Production for September amounted to 2,688,600 pounds, compared with 3,067,500 in August, and 2,727,022 in September a year ago:

	1913.	1912.
August	8,097,500	2,931,948
September	2,688,600	2,727,022

NEVADA CONSOLIDATED.—The August production was 5,089,973 pounds, compared with 5,403,919 pounds in July and 6,551,030 pounds in August, 1912.

OLD DOMINION COPPER COMPANY.—The September and nine months' output compare as follows, (in pounds):

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
September	2,679,000	2,223,000	2,032,000	2,262,000
Nine months	23,990,000	20,028,000	19,969,000	20,592,000

OSCEOLA.—The Directors of the Osceola Consolidated Mining Company have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share. Three months ago \$2.50 was paid, and a year ago \$3. Dividend is payable Oct. 31 to stock of record Oct. 9. Through its ownership of 32,781 shares of Osceola stock Calumet & Hecla receives \$65,362 by present declaration, against \$98,343 a year ago. The first dividend was paid in 1912; the payments since 1900, when capital was increased from 95,900 shares to 96,150 shares, being as follows:

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
10.10.1908.	\$2.00	1904.	\$2.00	
1912.	12.50	1907.	13.00	1903.
1911.	7.50	1906.	10.00	1902.
1910.	10.00	1905.	4.00	1901.
1909.	8.00			

*Including present declaration.

RAND.—Rand gold output in September was 706,000 fine ounces, comparing as follows:

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
January	789,390	737,060	651,027	601,368
February	734,122	703,806	610,828	575,622
March	790,000	*830,723	676,064	607,119
April	784,000	737,680	667,714	619,045
May	794,000	779,662	685,961	634,170
June	547,000	753,936	684,567	625,181
July	655,000	766,338	706,258	638,714
August	728,000	764,737	713,407	649,209
September	706,000	747,893	700,625	646,890

*Including extinguished reserve of 70,143 ounces.

SHANNON COPPER COMPANY.—The Shannon output for September was 1,232,000 pounds of blister copper. Comparison follows, (in pounds):

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
July	880,000	1,446,000	1,150,000	1,528,000
August	1,248,000	1,400,000	1,288,000	1,546,000
September	1,232,000	1,142,000	1,384,000	1,418,000

TOMBOY GOLD MINES, Ltd.—The company, under the management of the Exploration Company, Ltd., reports for September: Mill ran twenty-eight days and crushed 10,000 tons of ore, yielding bullion valued at \$35,000; concentrates shipped, \$42,500; total, \$77,500; expenses, \$51,500; profit, \$26,000; other income, \$4,150; total profit, \$30,150; expenditures on permanent improvement, \$4,318.

TONOPAH.—Production for the week ended Oct. 4 was in detail as follows: Tonopah Mining Company, 3,450 tons; Belmont, 3,413 tons; Montana-Tonopah, 1,061 tons; Tonopah Extension, 1,127 tons; West End, 1,075 tons; MacNamara, 581 tons; Jim Butler, 350 tons; North Star, 150 tons; Merger, 600 tons; Midway, 50 tons, and Halifax, 70 tons, making the total production for the week 11,927 tons, the estimated value being \$281,170. The above valuation is based on the actual gross milling value of the ore.

TONOPAH MINING COMPANY.—The Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada has concluded the purchase of a placer mining property. Underlying this property is a known quartz ledge which has not as yet been developed. Particulars will be given to the stockholders later.

Mining Stocks

Transactions and the range of prices for mining stocks on the various markets last week were as follows:

Stock.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
New River pfd.	Boston C.	6	.30	.30	.30
New River 5s.	Boston	1,000	75	75	75
Nipissing Mines.	Toronto	100	8.40	8.40	8.40
Nipissing Mines.	Boston	185	8%	8%	8.9-16
*Nipissing Mines.	Toronto M.	620	8.60	8.45	8.50
North Butte.	Boston	3,469	27%	25%	26%
North Lake.	Boston	35	1½	1½	1½
Nor. Exp.	Toronto M.	50	1	1	1
OHIO COPPER.	Boston Curb	750	.50	.47	.47
Ohio Copper.	Salt Lake City	300	.48	.47	.48
Ojibway.	Boston	25	.75	.75	.75
Old Colony.	Boston	1,206	6	4%	5%
Old Dominion.	Boston	677	52	50	50
Old Dominion.	Boston	200	.95	.95	.95
Osceola.	Boston	72	.81	.76	.76
Ophonogo.	Salt Lake	300	.02½	.02½	.02½
PEARL LAKE.	Toronto	100	.18½	.18½	.18½
Pearl Lake.	Toronto M.	57,800	.22	.17½	.17½
Peterson Lake.	Toronto	4,000	.24½	.24	.24½
Peterson Lake.	Toronto M.	38,500	.24	.23%	.24
Pioche Demijohn.	Salt Lake	1,000	.00%	.00%	.00%
Pick & Drill.	Los Angeles	1,000	.01%	.01%	.01%
Pond Creek.	Boston	825	.21	.19	.19
Pond Creek 6s.	Boston	25,500	110	109	109½
Porcupine Crown.	Toronto	50	1.20	1.20	1.20
Porcupine Crown.	Montreal	550	1.25	1.20	1.25
Porcupine Imperial.	Tor. M.	926	1.30	1.00	1.30
Porcupine Gold.	Tor. M.	2,700	.08%	.08	.08
Portland.	Colo. Spgs	2,433	.98½	.95	.95
Prince Cons.	Salt Lake	250	.32	.32	.32
Plutus.	Salt Lake	2,950	.05½	.05½	.05½
QUINCY.	Boston	148	.60	.58	.58
RAY CON.	Boston	370	19½	18½	18½
Raven.	Boston Curb	300	.07	.07	.07
Rea Mines.	Toronto M.	500	.14	.14	.14
ST. MARY'S LAND.	Boston	177	.35	.34	.34
Santa Fe.	Boston	300	1	1½	1½
Seven Troughs.	Salt Lake	1,000	.01½	.01½	.01½
Shannon.	Boston	181	7	6	6%
*Shattuck & Arizona.	Boston	635	.29½	.27½	.27½
Silver King Con.	Salt L. C.	1,700	1.75	1.60	1.70
Silver King Coal.	Salt Lake	100	3.70	3.70	3.70
South Utah.	Boston	300	.25	.25	.25
Siouz Con.	Salt Lake City	1,000	.01	.01	.01
South Lake.	Boston Curb	20	3%	3%	3%
Snowy Dev.	Boston Curb	150	.01	.01	.01
Stewart.	Boston Curb	1,365	1%	1.11-16	1%
Superior & Boston.	Boston	615	2%	2%	2%
Superior Copper.	Boston	205	.25	.24	.24
Swestika.	Toronto Mine	500	.03	.03	.03
TAMARACK.	Boston	145	30%	28	28
Tech Hughes.	Toronto Mine	7,400	30%	29%	29%
Temiskaming.	Toronto	300	.22	.22	.22
Temiskaming.	Toronto Mine	17,400	.20	.18½	.18½
Tintic Central.	Salt Lake City	3,000	.01	.00%	.01
Tonopah Belmont.	Phila.	2,172	7%	7%	7%
Tonopah Mining.	Phila.	358	4%	4%	

Utilities

How States Treat Their Public Utilities

The Result of an Elaborate Study of the Subject That Has Been Made by the National Civic Federation

The study that the Department on Regulation of Interstate and Municipal Utilities of the National Civic Federation has been making of commission regulation of utility corporations in the United States has been concluded and the book containing the results of the executive council's elaborate work has just been published. The book is not a statement of opinions or conclusions about the quality of the regulation that these corporations get. It is a much more valuable work than that, being, in 1,284 pages, a systematic compilation of the facts about regulatory laws and practices of commissions wherever commissions exist.

It is not quite an encyclopedia of public utility regulation in the United States, because it covers only the jurisdictions of public utility commissions, and as Delaware, Idaho, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming have no commissions (they are the only States that have none) the volume does not give information about what utility corporations may expect in those States, although there are regulatory laws there. Moreover, it is made plain that in some States where special regulatory laws exist in addition to those giving powers to the commissions, the effect of these laws on the business of utility corporations is not treated of in the book. Aside from that, the book is of great value to anybody who, in judging the value of a public utility security, desires to know in a general way the relationships between the company issuing it and the community in which it does business.

The work is so thoroughly systematized that one may take up almost any pertinent subject in connection with the business of a utility company, and by means of the effective index find the facts as they are in every part of the country. The information is classified, in the first place, according to broad, general subjects, such as Powers of Commissions, Publicity of Rates, Discrimination in Rates and Service, Reports, Stock and Bond Issues, Franchises, &c., (just a few chapter headings having been taken at random,) and then, under these divisions, come collections of information in more particular, as "authority of commissions to arbitrate or mediate in controversies affecting public utilities," or "charging a less compensation in consideration of the size of shipment or extent of the service," "franchises not to be capitalized," (also taking at random some of the interesting sub-headings.) And with the index it is possible to follow through lists of references almost any subject one desires, such as "depreciation," which is covered in different parts of the book in regard to the consideration of it as a factor in rate-fixing, the necessity of providing funds, regulation by commissions, and form of accounts; or "bookkeeping," on which one may find scattered information about prescribed forms, publicity, penalties for "doctoring," and the like.

The authority of the information lies not only in the fact that unlimited pains were taken in the abstraction of parts of laws and rules and documents, which are quoted verbatim in many places, but the proof-sheets of the book have been submitted to every leading authority interested, to practical heads of utility companies and their lawyers, to members of commissions and their counsel, and to independent publicists, who were persuaded to examine carefully the digests in order that no misstatement or misleading statement having to do with actual practice up to date should go into the finished book as a result of only mechanical analysis.

PUBLIC UTILITIES NEWS

CALGARY POWER COMPANY, Ltd.—Earnings for September and for the nine months to date, viz.: September. 1912. 1913. Increase. Gross \$20,830.56 \$23,140.39 \$2,309.83 Net 17,850.57 19,177.20 1,317.63 Nine Months. Gross \$134,247.24 \$173,533.49 \$39,286.25 Net 108,908.03 139,554.40 30,646.37

CONSOLIDATED GAS, ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER OF BALTIMORE.—Statement of expenses for the fiscal year: 1912. 1913. Increase. Gross inc. gas & elec. \$5,430,568.28 \$6,062,951.32 \$632,383.04

	1912.	1913.	Increase.	Stock.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
Inc. other sources..	34,718.00	52,022.03	17,303.13	Columbus Gas & F. Columbus	16	36%	36%	36%	36%
Total gross inc.	\$5,465,287.18	\$6,114,973.35	\$649,686.17	Columbus Gas & F. pf. Cincinnati	40	68%	68%	68%	68%
Op. exp. & Tax.	2,642,887.40	2,963,180.55	\$32,293.15	Columbus Gas & F. pf. Columbus	1	68%	68%	68%	68%
Net earnings....	\$2,822,399.78	\$3,151,792.80	\$329,393.02	Columbus Ry. Columbus	25	52	51%	52	
Int. on fund. debt.				Columbus Ry. pf. Columbus	10	74%	74%	74%	74%
etc.	1,417,267.86	1,476,767.44	59,499.58	*Com'wealth Edison. Chicago	1,185	140	137	137	137
Surp. avail. for div.				Com'wealth Edison 5s. Chicago	\$25,000	101%	101%	101%	101%
and reserves....	\$1,405,131.92	\$1,675,025.36	\$269,893.44	Com'wealth Elec. 5s. Chicago	\$10,000	101%	101%	101%	101%
Dividends	744,749.96	810,672.61	65,922.65	Cong. Gas Baltimore	23	110	109%	109%	109%
				Cong. Gas pf. Baltimore	20	110%	110%	110%	110%
				Cong. Gas 4½. Baltimore	\$15,000	93%	93%	93%	93%
				Cong. Gas 5s. Baltimore	\$7,000	101%	101%	101%	101%
				Cong. Power 4½. Baltimore	\$6,000	87%	87%	87%	87%
				Con. Traction. N. J. 5s. Phila.	\$2,000	101	101	101	101
				Consumers' Gas Toronto	127	180	180	180	180
				Cumberland Power pf. Boston	10	97	97	97	97
				Cuy. Tel. 5s. Cleveland	\$2,000	84%	84%	84%	84%
				DETROIT ELEC. RY. Mont.	607	73%	72	73	
				Duluth-Superior Toronto	50	65	64%	64%	64%
				E. ST. L. & SUB. 5s. St. L.	\$1,000	93	93	93	93
				Edison Elec. Boston	64	267	265	265	
				Edison Elec. of L. A. 5s. S. F.	\$1,000	99	99	99	
				Electric Dev. bonds. Toronto	\$1,000	94	94	94	
				Elec. & P. 4s. Philadelphia	\$100	86	86	86	
				FAIRM. & C. T. 5s. Balt.	\$8,000	90%	90%	90%	
				G. RAPIDS RY. PF. Columbus	10	89	89	89	
				Great West Power 5s. San F.	\$1,400	82	81%	81%	
				HALIFAX ELEC. RY. Mont.	2	151	151	151	
				ILLINOIS TRAC. PF. Mont.	56	91	90	90%	
				Illinois Trac. pf. Toronto	1	91%	91%	91%	
				Interborough-Met. pf. Phila.	45	61%	60%	60%	
				Interstate Rys. 4s. Phila.	\$28,000	53	53	53	
				K. C. HOME TEL. 5s. St. L.	\$3,000	89	89	89	
				K. C. H. Tel. 5s (small). St. L.	\$100	92	92	92	
				Keystone Tel. Phila.	115	12	12	12	
				Keystone Tel. pf. Phila.	474	49	49	49	
				Keystone Tel. 1st 5s. Phila.	\$3,000	91	91	91	
				Kinloch Tel. 6s. St. Louis	\$1,000	101%	101%	101%	
				Knox. Traction 5s. Baltimore	\$3,000	101%	101%	101%	
				LAKE ROLAND 5s. Baltimore	\$4,000	101%	101%	101%	
				Lake Shore Elec. Cleveland	10	6	6	6	
				Leh. Valley Transit. Phila.	486	19%	18%	18%	
				Leh. Valley Transit pf. Phila.	55	34	33	33	
				Little Rock R. & E. 5s. N. O.	\$2,000	102	102	102	
				Los Angeles Ry. 5s. San Fran.	\$1,000	103	103	103	
				Los Angeles G. & E. 5s. S. F.	\$2,000	92	92	92	
				MACKAY CO. Montreal	61	81%	80%	80%	
				Mackay Co. Toronto	82	81%	81	81	
				Mackay Co. pf. Montreal	38	68	66%	66%	
				Mfrs. Light & Heat. Pitts.	445	51	49%	50%	
				Market St. Elev. 4s. Phila.	\$2,000	93%	93%	93%	
				Maryland Elec. 5s. Baltimore	\$1,000	96%	96%	96%	
				Mass. Electric. Boston	166	13	13	13	
				Mass. Electric pf. Boston	141	68	67	68	
				Mass. Gas Boston	570	95	92%	93%	
				Mass. Gas pf. Boston	60	92%	91%	92	
				Mass. Gas 4½. Boston	\$5,000	94%	94%	94%	
				Meridian L. & H. 5s. New O.	\$1,000	90	90	90	
				Met. El. Ry. gold 4s. Chicago	\$3,000	79%	79%	79%	
				Mex. Elec. 5s. Toronto	\$1,000	80	80	80	
				Mex. Nor. Power bonds. Mont.	\$1,000	27%	27%	27%	
				Milw. E. Ry. & L. 4½. Balt.	\$12,000	92	90%	92	
				Montreal L. & H. & P. Montreal	992	214	211%	212	
				Mont. L. H. & P. rights. Mont.	3,103	10%	10	10	
				Montreal L. H. & P. 4½. Mont.	\$2,000	97%	97%	97%	
				Montreal Tram. Montreal	101	191	190	190	
				Montreal Tram. 5s. Montreal	\$31,000	98	98	98	
				Montreal Tram. deb. Montreal	\$16,800	79%	79	79%	
				Mont. Tram. Power. Montreal	390	40%	38%	38%	
				NASH. ST. RY. 5s. New Or.	\$1,000	100%	100%	100%	
				New Eng. Tel. Boston	319	148%	140	140	
				N. E. Tel. 5s. Boston	\$37,000	102	101%	102	
				N. O. City & Ry. gen. 5s. N. Or.	\$1,000	102%	102%	102%	
				N. O. Ry. & L. 5s. N. Or.	30	63%	63	63	
				N. O. Ry. & L. 4½. N. Or.	\$13,000	82	81%	81%	
				Noble Elec. San Francisco	275	2%	2%	2%	
				Norf. & P. Trac. 5s. Balt.	\$9,000	87%	87%	87%	
				Norf. Ry. & L. 5s. Balt.	\$3,000	98	98	98	
				Nor. Cal. Power 5s. San Fran.	\$1,000	100	100	100	
				Nor. Ohio T. & L. Cleveland	65	65	63%	65	
				Nor. Ohio T. & L. pf. Cleveland	15	99	98%	99	
				Nor. Tex. Elec. pf. Boston	15	107	107	107	
				OAKLAND & A. 5s. San Fran.	\$22,000	78	77%	78	
				O. A. & E. San Fran.	170	11%	10%	10%	
				O. A. & E. 5s. San Fran.	\$20,000	75%	75%	75%	
				Ogden Gas 5s. Chicago	\$4,000	96%	96%	96%	
				Ottawa L. H. & P. Montreal	75	161	160	160	
				PAC. ELEC. RY. 5s. San Fran.	\$3,000	101%	100%	100%	
				Pacific Gas & Elec. Chicago	10	38	38	38	
				Pacific Gas & Elec. 5s. San Fran.	55	38	38	38	
				Pac. Gas & Elec. 5s. San Fran.	\$16,000	86%	86	86	
				Pacific Light pf. San Fran.	50	73	73	73	
				Pac. Lit. & P. 5s. Los Angeles	\$4,000	96	96	96	
				Pacific Tel. 5s. Los Angeles	\$4,000	98%	98%	98%	
				Penn. Water & P. 5s. Balt.	6	90%	90%	90	
				People's Gas Chicago	2,045	125%	123	123	
				People's Gas 5s. Chicago	\$7,000	97%	96%	96%	
				People's Pass. 4s. Philadelphia	\$7,000	87	87	87	
				People's Water 5s. San Fran.	\$28,000	70	70	70	
				Philadelphia Co. Phila.	312	42	40	40	
				Phila. Co. 5 p. c. pf. Phila.	50	40	40	40	
				Phila. Co. 6 p. c. cum. pf. Phila.	30	42	42	42	
				Phila. Co. 1st 5s. Phila.	\$6,000	98%	99%	99%	
				Phila. Co. con. 5s. Phila.	\$1,000	87	87	87	
				Phila. Electric. Phila.	5,757	23	22%	22%</	

Utilities Securities—Continued

Stock.	Market.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last.
San Joaquin L. & P. Gs. S. F.	\$3,000	101 1/4	101	101 1/4	
South Yuba Water Gs. S. F.	\$5,000	105	105	105	
Spring Valley Water S. F.	65	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	
Spring V. W. gen. 4s...S. F.	\$17,000	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	
Standard Gas & Elec. 5s.Phila.	\$7,000	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	
TORONTO RY.....Montreal	217	142	141	141 1/4	
Toronto Ry. ....Toronto	233	142 1/2	141 1/4	141 1/4	
Twin City .....Montreal	130	106	105 1/2	106	
Twin City .....Toronto	160	106	105 1/2	106	
UNION GAS .....Pittsburgh	135	133	133	133	
Union L. H. & P. 4s...Cincin	\$1,500	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	
Union Traction.....Phila.	3,022	48 1/2	46	46 1/2	
United Co. of N. J....Phila.	21	22 1/2	22	22 1/2	
United E. Lt. & P. 4 1/2s...Balt.	\$2,000	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	
United Gas & Imp....Phila.	802	85 1/2	84 1/2	85	
United Ry. & Elec. Baltimore	1,953	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	
United Ry. & E. 1st 4s...Balt.	\$22,000	83	82 1/2	83	
United Ry. & E. inc. 4s...Balt.	\$18,000	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	
United Ry. & E. ref. 5s...Balt.	\$105	88	86	86	
United Ry. & E. notes...Balt.	\$4,000	105	105	105	
United Ry. Inv. 5s...Phila.	\$2,000	72	72	72	
United Ry. of St. L. St Louis	14	10	10	10	
United Ry. of St. L. ....St. L.	10	36	36	36	
United Ry. of St. L. 4s...St. L.	\$17,000	70	69 1/2	69 1/2	
United R. R. of S. F....San F.	\$4,000	56 1/2	56	56 1/2	
Utilities Imp .....Columbus	3	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	
VAL. COUNTIES 5s...San F.	\$7,000	77	77	77	
WASH. B. & A. pf....Clev.	104	35 1/2	35	35	
Washington Gas...Washington	160	86	85 1/2	86	
Washington Gas 5s....Wash.	\$1,000	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	
Wash. Ry. & Elec....Wash.	203	95	90	95	
Wash. Ry. & Elec. pf....Wash.	89	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	
Wash. Ry. & Elec. 4s...Wash.	\$16,000	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	
West End St. Ry....Boston	32	72	70 1/2	71 1/2	
West End St. Ry. pf...Boston	38	88	88	88	
Western Can. Power.Montreal	1	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	
West Can. Power Gs.Montreal	\$3,000	83	83	83	
Western Penn. Ry. pf...Pitts.	20	70	70	70	
Western Penn. Ry. 5s...Pitts.	\$1,000	97	97	97	
Western Power pf....San F.	25	41	41	41	
West. Tel. & Tel. 5s...Boston	\$21,000	98 1/2	98	98	
West. Phila. Pass.....Phila.	10	202 1/2	202 1/2	202 1/2	
Winnipeg Elec. 5s...Montreal	\$1,000	98	98	98	
York Ry. ....Philadelphia	25	10	10	10	
York Ry. pf....Philadelphia	22	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	
Youngs. & O. River pf....Clev.	20	50	50	50	

*Ex dividend.

are also being made with an intelligence of tariff necessities. The year 1914, consequently, will witness trade conditions in the United States on a rock-bottom basis, and ripe for a period of healthy expansion whenever political conditions, together with easy money and satisfactory crops, will permit it. Meanwhile merchants should transact business in a normal way, without speculative considerations, safeguarding credits where this year's poor crops and the coming year's tariff influence are a factor, until the signs of the times foretell another period of expansion. These signs will be a substantial rise in the banking index, and an advance in the stock market index above normal.

MARSHALL FIELD & CO.—Although in some sections the weather has been unfavorable to retailing, current shipments have continued in excess of those of the same period in 1912, and future sales are holding about even. Cash receipts are normal. Many of the retailers who have been in the market during the week report that their Fall business is running ahead of a year ago, especially in ready-to-wear lines, such as cloaks and suits, and they are placing liberal reorders. Now that the Tariff bill has been signed and prices on wool dress goods adjusted to conform with the new schedule, substantial orders are being placed by the retail trade. Spring business in wash dress goods is opening up well.

JOHN V. FARWELL COMPANY.—The important position which supply and demand hold in relation to wholesale dry goods and general merchandising, pricing and selling has been strongly manifested throughout the business situation of the past few weeks. Business continues good, with collections normal. Advance orders for Spring on wash goods, white goods, linewear fabrics and other seasonable lines running ahead of same period a year ago. The passing of the new tariff has not in any way curtailed the output of wool dress goods. Road salesmen report that customers know that the section pertaining to wool dress goods does not become operative until Jan. 1. Consumers are demanding goods, which forces merchants to sort up their stocks for immediate delivery. Merchants who do not keep their stocks well assured lose profitable business.

DUN'S REVIEW.—Adjustment to new conditions following the enactment of the Tariff bill results in some irregularity, yet, in a broad sense, the situation reflects continued improvement. Most reports indicate that the volume of trade is gradually enlarging, the necessity of replenishing depleted merchandise stocks causing increased activity. The cotton goods mills have orders in hand calling for a full output for the next three months. The demand in both jobbing and retail circles continues brisk at the highest prices of the year for many products, although business has been restricted to some extent by the unsettled condition of the raw material markets.

IRON AGE.—Iron and steel manufacturers and consumers are quite at sea as to the course of demand and prices in the remainder of the year. With the signing of the new Tariff bill there has been let loose an assortment of rumors naming definite reductions in prices of various products, usually \$2 a ton. In general these statements are founded only on the conceded possibility of placing good-sized orders at lower prices than the mills have been quoting. Business has fallen off, and in the last week there has not been enough really to try out prices. Consumers are waiting partly to see what the lower tariff brings to pass, and a dull market may be expected for some weeks. Aside from tariff effects, there are present the usual symptoms of an attempt to find a new level after a period of well-sustained prices, with its inevitable limitation of buying.

BRADSTREET'S.—Cross currents in trade matters are noticeable. However, distributive trade sentiment is optimistic, the influence of crop money is being felt in agricultural districts, demand for prompt shipment of textiles is a pronounced feature of a scantily supplied market, buying of staple articles is liberal, most reports indicate that trade generally is ahead of or even with that transacted at this time last year, when jobbers and manufacturers were enjoying especial activity, collections continue to mend, demand for money for mercantile purposes is good, and car shortages are in prospect. Yet it is probable that trade is a shade less active than last week, this being due to an intermingling of various factors.

COAL AGE.—The coal markets have presented little of additional interest during the past week. In the bituminous situation no uncertainties have developed, and producers continue as firmly in control as at any time during the past few months. The uniformity with which quotations are maintained in all the markets of the country speaks eloquently for the trend of conditions. Where reverses are recorded they are easily traceable to an oversupply of specialties, principally of the lower grades, into certain restricted markets; their effect on the potency of the general situation may be neglected.

GENERAL

AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.—With only one dissenting vote the annual convention at Boston last week passed a resolution adopting the report of the Association's Currency Commission in disapproval of the Owen-Glass bill. In the course of the report the Commission said: "The bill in its present form imposes unwise hardships upon the banks and equally unwise hardships upon the general public."

The banks are required to subscribe to the Federal reserve banks an amount equal to 20 per cent. of their capital, one-half of which must be paid in at once, the other half being subject to call. This is to be taken over and placed under the management of a corporation in which the banks have not only a minority representation but a very limited voice indeed. In return for the capital thus appropriated the banks receive a certificate, which cannot be sold, assigned, or hypothecated, over which none of the usual rights of property can be exercised. The banks are obliged to make this subscription or be dissolved. Charters have ever been regarded in the nature of a contract, and it is doubtful if under our

Constitution Congress can take away the charter of a bank in this summary manner, not because the terms of the charter have been violated by the banks, but because the bank management might refuse to make a coerced investment such as the pending measure provides. There is no provision whereby a bank which subscribes money to the capital of the Federal reserve bank can recover the same, except by liquidation, either voluntary or enforced."

This proposition of the Government to take the banks' capital in the manner provided, carried to the extreme, would accomplish, so far as the national banks are concerned, this contention on the part of the Socialists. For those who do not believe in Socialism it is very hard to accept and ratify this proposed action on the part of the Government." The resolution of the convention was as follows: "Resolved, That the report of the Currency Commission be received and placed on file. Resolved, That we approve the work of the Currency Commission and that we ratify and endorse the action of the Chicago conference, the conclusions they reached and the recommendations they made. Resolved, That we urge upon Congress the wisdom and the necessity of incorporating into the proposed law the amendments recommended by the Chicago conference, all of which have been elaborately presented to the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States Senate, in which body the proposed law is now pending. Any law passed by Congress in order to be effective and realize in full measure the hopes of those who are seeking currency reform must command the approval and enlist the co-operation of the banks of the country, both State and national. Resolved, That we commend the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and Congress for their efforts to give this country an elastic as well as a safe currency and pledge them our hearty support for the enactment of proper legislation to that end." A mass meeting of 600 country bankers attending the convention was held on Monday and passed resolutions disfavoring the Currency bill, of which the following includes the essential statements: "Government bonds have been purchased by country banks at a price that would be unjustified except for circulation and depository privileges that attach to them. These bonds are now selling under par. The good faith of the nation and its credit must remain unimpaired. If national bank notes are to be retired, there should be exchanged for these bonds a new security that will sell upon its own merits at 100 cents on the dollar in the markets of the world, and banks which desire to liquidate their circulation should be given the right to have their bonds retired at not less than their face value. Any unnecessary restrictions placed upon the acceptance and investment of savings deposits is unwise. Segregation of savings deposits, the setting aside of separate capital, the creation of two banks under the same management and under one roof will place a burden upon country banks which they cannot bear and will deny to their patrons facilities which they require and now enjoy. Section 17 of the bill should be amended in so far as it refers to matters pertaining to exchange. Exchange profits represent a large part of the total net earnings of country banks. It is a proper charge for a fair service rendered. The bill provides a radical change in the methods of handling country items. It provides that they shall be cleared and not collected. To accomplish this it would require that the small country banks keep in the Federal reserve banks an amount in excess of their legal reserve sufficient to care for their clearings from two to six days, depending entirely upon the distance and time they are from the bank acting as such clearing house. Whatever percentage of reserves is agreed upon should carry with it the right to keep not less than one-third of such reserve, with approved reserve agents in fiscal centres. The reduction of reserve from 15 to 12 per cent. is no real advantage to the country banks. Very few country banks can do business without having a larger amount of funds either in vault or with nearby connections. These connections must be maintained after the passage of this law. The money so held by them should be counted as a part of country bank reserve. We believe, unless this bill is amended so as to meet the objections and recommendations made herein, that very few country banks, either State or national, can afford to become members of the new Federal system. This means that the great majority of country national banks must surrender their charters or retire from business." The following general officers of the association were elected for 1914: President, Arthur Reynolds, Des Moines, Iowa; First Vice President, William A. Law, Philadelphia; Treasurer, J. W. Hoopes, Galveston, Texas; Secretary, F. E. Farnsworth, New York.

CURRENCY BILL.—Senator Owen, Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, said on Friday that a very radical amendment might be inserted in the Currency bill. Instead of the provision now in the bill by which a bank is compelled to subscribe 20 per cent. of its own capital to the capital stock of the regional reserve bank of its district, Mr. Owen proposes to make the assessment 6 per cent. of the capital and surplus. As in the case of the proposed 20 per cent. assessment, only one-half of the 6 per cent. of capital and surplus would be paid in. The remaining 3 per cent. would stand subject to call, and Mr. Owen believes, would never be called for.

COUNSEL TO OPPOSE RATE INCREASES.—Louis D. Brandeis of Boston has been retained by the Interstate Commerce Commission to represent the opponents of the 5 per cent. increase in freight rates proposed by the Eastern railroads. Mr. Brandeis is not to be regarded as a counsel for the commission, it is said, but is charged with the development and adequate presentation for consideration of all of the facts of the controversy. Commissioner Harlan said: "Doubtless certain protestants will have their own attorneys, but Mr. Brandeis will be the general channel through whom the views of others opposing the proposed advance may be presented of record."

TARIFF LAW AMENDMENT.—As a result of a conference held at the suggestion of President Wilson on Wednesday night a bill to repeal the clause of the new

tariff law granting a 5 per cent. discount of duties on goods imported into the United States in American merchant ships may be introduced in the House of Representatives. The present law would give all the world, except France, Brazil, Russia, and England a 5 per cent. advantage over them and provoke retaliatory tariff charges. * * *

RAILROAD VALUATION.—The Interstate Commerce Commission will open division headquarters for work in connection with the physical valuation of railroads at Chicago, Kansas City, Chattanooga, Tenn.; San Francisco, and Washington. * * *

PANAMA CANAL.—At 2 o'clock Friday afternoon President Wilson touched an electric button, and a moment later eight tons of dynamite destroyed the Gamboa Dike, 4,000 miles way, letting the water of Gatun Lake flow into the Culebra Cut. The passage of light draft vessels through the canal now is possible. Big dredges are eating into the slides in Culebra Cut and clearing up the remains of the dike. In a few weeks vessels of heavy draft will be able to make the journey from ocean to ocean. * * *

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.—To-day the court will assemble for its first session of the October term. No decisions will be handed down. * * *

MEXICO.—A New York Times dispatch from Mexico City on Friday said that 110 members of the Chamber of Deputies, who had signed resolutions of warning to President Huerta as the result of the disappearance of Dr. Belisario Dominguez, Senator for Chiapas, were arrested on Friday and lodged in the penitentiary. The arrests followed a demand by President Huerta that the Chamber withdraw the resolution, which carried the threat that the Deputies would abandon the capital, owing to an alleged lack of guarantees for their personal safety. Senator Dominguez early in the month made a speech in the Senate violently attacking Huerta, saying that, not only had nothing been done in Huerta's régime toward the pacification of the country, but that the present situation in the republic was infinitely worse than before. He said the currency in Mexico had depreciated, fields had been neglected and towns razed and that famine threatened. He added that this situation was due first and foremost to the fact that the Mexican people could not resign themselves to be governed by Huerta. * * *

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.—At the annual meeting the following analysis of the distribution of loans and discounts made at the close of business Sept. 24, 1913, was made public. The figures are based upon the transactions of thirty of the largest banks and trust companies, each having approximately \$20,000,000 or more of loans and discounts and aggregate loans and discounts of \$1,226,974,500. Loans for banks' own account, to Wall Street brokers, \$264,283,800; other loans, discounts, and advances of every nature—Eastern States, (east of the Ohio), \$617,830,800; Southern States, \$174,140,500; Western States, \$167,720,000; foreign, (Canada &c.) \$2,898,800; total banks' own account, \$1,226,974,500; loans made to Wall Street brokers for account of correspondents, \$174,945,900. The Clearing House transactions for the year have been as follows:

	1913.	1912.
Exchanges	\$98,121,520,297	\$96,672,300,863
Balances	5,144,130,384	5,061,262,291
Total transactions	103,265,650,681	101,723,563,155
The average daily transactions:		
Exchanges	\$823,833,400	\$319,050,497
Total	16,977,328	16,670,832
Total	310,910,728	335,721,330
Total transactions since organization of the Clearing House, (sixty years):		
Exchanges	\$2,419,273,636,081	
Balances	112,668,492,955	
Total	2,531,942,189,037	

RAILROADS

ANTHRACITE SHIPMENT.—Hard coal movement on the principal anthracite railroads has been:

	1913.	1912.
September.	Tons.	Tons. Increase.
Phila. & Reading	888,060	1,184,594 *296,534
Lehigh Valley	1,031,876	1,168,649 *136,773
Central Railroad of N. J.	788,034	691,233 96,785
Delaware, Lack. & West.	834,345	833,316 *971
Delaware & Hudson	605,071	579,792 25,270
Pennsylvania	533,439	521,741 11,698
Erie	689,364	683,026 *13,662
Ontario & Western	222,086	212,125 9,961
Total	5,572,279	5,876,406 *304,217

*Decrease.

For the calendar year to date the shipments show an increase of 6,447,666 tons.

	1913.	1912.
Jan. 1 to Sept. 30.	Tons.	Tons. Increase.
Phila. and Reading	9,504,550	8,950,472 554,078
Lehigh Valley	9,671,928	8,287,307 1,384,121
Central Railroad of N. J.	6,795,406	5,830,831 964,575
Delaware, Lack. & West.	7,337,984	6,354,946 1,003,038
Delaware & Hudson	5,303,073	4,536,977 766,098
Pennsylvania	4,610,332	3,948,019 662,313
Erie	6,119,302	5,303,094 816,218
Ontario & Western	1,919,308	1,623,083 296,225
Total	51,251,883	44,835,219 6,446,666

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BOSTON & MAINE.—Theodore N. Vall, William Skinner, and Alexander Cochrane, Directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, have resigned as Directors of the Boston & Maine. A meeting of the Shareholders' Committee of the New Haven was held in Boston on Monday. George von L. Meyer gave out the following statement: "After the general recommendations of the Shareholders' Committee relating to the organization and general policies of the railroad had been adopted by the board of that company, the Shareholders' Committee further advised the Directors that in its opinion no Director of the New Haven, excepting Howard Elliott, should be a Director of the Boston & Maine Railroad. This committee is of the opinion that a separation of the two Boards of Directors is essential, both for the purpose of procuring

efficient management in connection with local requirements and for the purpose of avoiding the apparent domination of the Northern New England interests by the interests of the New Haven Railroad. To this general principle this committee desires to make one exception. Mr. Elliott, under the plan recommended and accepted, is to be Chairman of all the Boards of Directors, and is to furnish the necessary administrative link which this committee regards as essential to secure harmonious co-operation of management." * * *

DELAWARE & HUDSON.—The Public Service Commission of New York has issued an order authorizing the company to issue bonds to the par value of \$4,500,000, upon security of its first and refunding mortgage, payable thirty-five years from May 1, 1908, and bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. The bonds are to be sold at not less than 95 per cent. of their par value, and accrued interest. Proceeds are to be used for improvements to the railroad, and for payment of outstanding obligations. * * *

GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD.—The first mortgage 5 per cent. bondholders have received notice of a plan which the management proposes to put through, providing that the coupons on these bonds, maturing from Nov. 1 next, to May 1, 1916, both dates, inclusive, be deposited with the Baltimore Trust Company, and notes of the railway company at 5 per cent. accepted until the coupons are finally paid. This is promised to be accomplished on or before Nov. 1, 1918. The circular to bondholders states that this plan has been decided upon at a conference between officers of the railway company and the holders of large amounts of the first mortgage bonds, and continues: "Unless the holders co-operate in this effort, it will be impracticable to continue the development of the property without great loss to the security holders." * * *

GRAND TRUNK.—E. J. Chamberlin of Montreal was re-elected President of the Grand Trunk Railway system at the annual meeting of the stockholders. Officers and Directors were elected for all branches of the system. But few changes were made. * * *

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.—The company reports for the fiscal year ended June 30 last as follows:

	1913.	Increase.
Operating revenues	\$78,620,707	\$12,494,948
Operating expenses	45,850,254	8,196,707
Net operating revenue	32,833,513	4,298,241
Taxes	32,955,036	4,303,905
Other income	4,278,777	790,539
Total income	31,884,417	3,013,920
Interest, rentals, &c.	7,316,103	99,860
Dividends	14,688,650	*322
Depreciation, betterment fda., &c.	5,587,486	1,235,486
Surplus	4,282,169	1,578,866

*Decrease.

The report shows that the total payments on account of refunds in the Minnesota rate case were \$750,000. * * *

HOCKING VALLEY.—

	1913.	1912.
Aug. gross	\$10,673	\$764,455
Net	329,050	319,216
Surplus	208,486	327,145
Two months gross	1,514,688	1,454,491
Net	573,742	579,280
Surplus	338,715	389,184

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KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.—The annual report of the company says: "It is the source of satisfaction to your management that with an increase of \$1,433,450 in gross revenues there was an increase in net revenue of \$1,019,132, or over 71 per cent. of the addition to gross. This result was due generally to the improvements which have been made, and particularly to changes in grade, which enabled an increase in the average gross train load from 1,011.80 to 1,182.97 tons, and a reduction of 330,965 train miles. That result was obtained with the traffic movement not so nearly balanced as during the preceding year, as will be seen by the following comparison: For the year ended June 30, 1912: Net tons one mile—north 528,831,477; net tons one mile—south 410,581,900; to balance, 118,249,487. For the year ended June 30, 1913: Net tons one mile—north 633,299,124; net tons one mile—south 450,890,864; to balance, 182,312,200. These figures indicate that with a balanced movement an increase of 16.8 per cent. in the volume of freight traffic could be transported with slight additional expense. The management believes that the growing activities of the Gulf ports and normal development of the territory tributary to your road will soon bring about a more satisfactory equalization of traffic." * * *

MEMPHIS UNION STATION COMPANY.—Memphis Union Station Company has sold \$2,500,000 first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds of an authorized issue of \$3,000,000, dated Nov. 1, 1913, and maturing 1930, guaranteed jointly and severally by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, St. Louis, Southwestern, and the Southern Railway.

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NEW YORK, AUBURN & LANSING RAILROAD.—The reorganization plan of this company and its subsidiary, the Ithaca Street Railway Company, provides for the formation of a railroad company to acquire the property of the former for a street railway company, with nominal capitalization, which will acquire the property of the Ithaca company and its underlying companies, the leasing of the properties of the street railway company to the railroad company, and transfer of the entire capital stock of the street railway company to the railroad company.

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NEW HAVEN.—The forty-second annual report of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company includes an account of the operation during the year of all the numerous subsidiary trolley, lighting, steamship, and other companies. The company earned less than 5 per cent. on its \$180,000,000 of stock last year, although dividends totaling 7½ per cent. were paid. The gross revenues were \$68,613,000, an increase of \$4,157,000, while operating expenses increased \$5,600,-

000, leaving a decrease of \$1,442,000 in net. The surplus left for dividends amounted to \$8,922,000, a loss of \$4,463,000, and the dividends paid to \$13,486,000, leaving a deficit for the year of \$4,564,000. Regarding the trolley subsidiaries, the report says: "The last year marks the completion of a period in which the Directors deemed it essential, for the protection of its lines and the enlargement of its business, and to serve effectively the public and develop the New England States by a comprehensive transportation system operated co-operatively with the railroad, to adopt the policy of acquiring an interest in various transportation lines adjacent to and serving the territory in which the railroad is located. These acquisitions, in the opinion of the board, were legally made, and after due consideration that they were for the best interests of the company and the public, which is the only source from which its revenues are derived, but the company has no desire to retain these investments except in conformity with law and sound public policy." The sale of the company's parlor and sleeping car privileges to the Pullman Company, one of the acts of C. S. Mellen which have been most severely criticized by stockholders, is explained at length. The contract with the Pullman Company was made effective Jan. 1 last, and continues for twenty years. The payment to the railroad for this privilege is at a stated rate per annum, and relieves the company of all expenses in connection with the operation of parlor and sleeping cars. Under the terms of the agreement, the Pullman Company has paid the New Haven substantially the book value of all the parlor and sleeping cars owned by it, and has agreed to substitute for the existing equipment the highest type of all-steel modern cars, and to furnish such similar equipment as may be needed in the future. The result of the agreement has been to relieve the railroad of a capital expenditure of about \$4,000,000 for prospective new equipment, as well as immediately to pay into its treasury \$5,300,000 for the old equipment, which in a very short time would have had to be replaced with modern steel cars.

A conference at Washington in which Howard Elliott, the new President of the system; Arthur T. Hadley, President of Yale University, and T. D. Cuyler, another director, discussed New Haven affairs with Attorney General McReynolds is thought to have resulted in postponing any action against the railroad. After the conference in the Department of Justice, President Elliott prepared a statement for the press which was submitted to Attorney General McReynolds and was given out with the Attorney General's approval. This is the statement: "We discussed the whole New England railroad situation with the Attorney General and with Mr. Gregory. We took up on broad lines and considered the suggestions and recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission as made by Mr. Prouty. We explained the plan of the New England board to investigate with great care the steamship ownership, trolley ownership, Boston & Albany lease, and Boston & Maine holdings. The discussion was very full and frank on both sides, and the New Haven Directors will hurry their reports and recommendations as fast as they can and confer with the Department of Justice and Interstate Commerce Commission from time to time. No definite conclusions were reached and no commitments made by either side, but it is thought the conference is helpful to the Government and to the railroad in trying to bring about a solution of a difficult situation with the least possible disturbance to New England and to the owners of the property."

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES.—September car loadings for New York Central system lines compare:

Sept. 1913.	Sept. 1912.	Inc.
New York Central	624,381	625,955
Boston & Albany	35,511	95,969
Rutland	26,480	25,277
New York & Ottawa	2,396	2,115
Lake Shore	362,569	359,074
Big Four	272,322	265,375
Michigan Central	235,574	225,875
Lake Erie & Western	57,813	58,790
Chicago & Indiana South	36,780	37,933
Indiana Harbor Belt	52,818	41,873
Toledo & Ohio Central	60,928	48,724
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	125,565	123,124
Total	1,963,137	1,912,074

*Decrease.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC.—The report of the company for the year ended June 30 shows:

	1913.	Increase.
Operating income	\$24,312,633	\$2,473,532
Other income	4,025,573	*405,970
Total income	28,338,506	2,067,561
Rental paid	537,303	10,983
Interest on funded debt	6,837,685	156,875
Total deductions	7,374,689	167,858
Balance for dividends	21,363,518	1,889,703
Dividends	17,360,000	.....
Surplus	4,203,518	1,889,703
Appropriated to cover sundry claims	750,000	750,000
Final surplus	3,433,518	1,140,703
Ratio expenses to revenue	61.47%	1.31%
Ratio taxes to operating revenue	5.50%	*0.40%

*Decrease.

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ROCK ISLAND.—Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, in its annual report for the year ended June 30 last, shows:

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Gross earnings	\$46,428,045	\$41,156,835	\$43,368,396
Freight	10,072,854	8,302,467	9,359,749
Passenger	19,777,431	18,600,408	20,240,528
Mail and express	3,666,453	3,616,595	3,630,769
Miscellaneous	1,493,024	1,330,015	1,247,780
Total	71,364,935	64,712,853	68,487,473
Operating expenses	.....	.....	.....
Maint. way and struct.	9,885,324	8,493,340	9,738,016
Maint. of equipment	10,072,854	8,302,467	9,359,749
Traffic expenses	1,990,138	1,981,399	2,007,150
Transp. expenses	28,772,587	26,210,502	26,171,418
General expenses	1,774,199	1,771,780	1,779,350
Total	52,504,102	46,739,494	49,055,683
Net earnings	.....	.....	.....
Net operating revenue	18,860,833	17,953,359</td	

Other income	1,221,372	824,222	361,203
Total income	16,944,190	15,887,289	16,908,616
Deductions:			
Interest	11,066,032	10,482,135	8,741,853
Rentals	1,819,803	1,544,758	1,704,925
Total deductions	12,885,835	12,036,893	11,465,902
Net income	4,058,355	3,850,396	5,442,714
Dividends	3,743,525	3,743,760	3,630,948
Surplus	314,830	106,036	1,511,766
Traffic statistics:			
Average miles operated..	8,048	8,036	8,026
Passenger traffic mile...18,775,070	18,360,282	17,716,902	
Freight traffic mile....16,761,671	15,827,356	16,820,145	
Total rev. traffic mile...36,322,271	34,943,903	35,240,506	
Tons freight car.....21,101,989	18,969,251	19,118,358	
*Tons 1 mile.....5,203,973	4,509,242	4,718,461	
Rate per ton per mile....0.89c	0.89c	0.92c	
Rev. per freight traf. mile...\$2,651	\$2,486	\$2,479	
Density of freight traffic 646,611	572,340	587,860	
Tons per traffic mile....297.17	277.81	269.66	
Passenger carload.....19,412,671	18,927,146	18,842,167	
*Passenger 1 mile.....983,696	939,391	1,010,038	
Rate per pass. per mile...2.01c	1.98c	2.00c	
Rev. per pass. traf. mile..1.018c	0.983c	1.020c	
Density of pass. traffic..112,228	116,900	125,844	
*000 omitted.			

President Mudge says: "The records maintained by the industrial department show that there were located along the lines of your company, during the fiscal year just ended, 144 new industries at an estimated cost of construction of over \$4,000,000. It is estimated that the operation of these industries will yield employment to over 2,500 men and result in an annual movement of more than 18,000 carloads of revenue freight. Such industries will also produce a heavy volume of less than carload freight."

ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN.—At the annual meeting the lease of the Paragould Southeastern Railway to the St. Louis Southwestern was approved.

UNION PACIFIC.—Chairman R. S. Lovett made the following official statement in regard to possible distribution of cash: "The question of the disposition to be made of the large cash fund realized by the Union Pacific Railroad Company from the proceeds of the recent sale of Southern Pacific stock, and possibly of certain other assets of the company, has received the earnest and careful attention of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors. The conclusion has been arrived at that existing circumstances make it inexpedient to deal with this subject at present. To avoid misunderstandings, however, it is deemed right to state that none of the various plans which have thus far been considered and discussed contemplated any division of surplus, either in cash or securities, which in its result would have increased the present yield of the stock."

INDUSTRIALS, MISCELLANEOUS

AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY.—The management has issued a statement to its stockholders in answer to Isaac M. Cate of Baltimore, who had charged mismanagement of the company and asked for proxies. The answer issued by the American Company and signed by Harry Bronner and George R. Sheldon, Directors, follows, in part: "At a date earlier in the present year Mr. Cate addressed a printed communication to the Executive Committee of the company in which he made numerous charges against the officers and Directors of the company. Your Board of Directors deemed it wise, therefore, to direct that investigation be made into the matters criticised by Mr. Cate, and accordingly on March 26 last appointed a committee consisting of Thomas Thacher, John W. Griggs, and Albert H. Wiggin to examine into the matters referred to in Mr. Cate's letter." The statement goes on to say that the committee engaged John Havron, former President of the Rogers Locomotive Works, to examine the books, papers, contracts, and practices of the American Company and to make a report to the committee. The statement says that the committee is proceeding as rapidly as possible with the work, and as soon as it has completed the result the report will be submitted to the board. "With reference to some of the business methods and arrangements of the company," the statement continues, "we are advised by the committee that improvements probably can be made, and that they will be specified when the committee makes its report. We believe that the stockholders can safely rely upon the present Board of Directors to execute any changes or requirements that the business of the company may demand. As to the imputation by Mr. Cate upon the integrity of the officers of the company, we are permitted to quote the following from the report of Mr. Havron: 'It is only proper to state that after over three months' investigation, during which time a careful scrutiny of bids, bills, and correspondence covering the entire period of the company's existence was made, not a bit of evidence of corrupt practice on the part of the company's officials was found.'

DISTILLERS' SECURITIES CORPORATION.—Reports for the year ended June 30 last:

1913. Increase.		
Gross profits	\$3,046,165	\$404,385
Interest, rentals, and taxes.....	1,275,681	571,435
Net profits	1,770,484	*167,050
Additions, maint., &c.....	617,822	515
Interest charges	793,096	51
Dividends	353,168	*331,606
Previous surplus	5,931,081	*169,592
Total surplus	5,937,479	6,398
*Decrease.		

LACKAWANNA STEEL COMPANY.—The company reports for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1913, including subsidiary companies:

1913. Increase.			
Total income	\$2,007,724	\$1,254,986	\$752,738
Total deduction	898,521	868,728	29,793
Surplus	1,109,202	886,256	722,946
From Jan. 1:			
Total income	5,521,163	2,455,816	3,065,377
Deductions	2,656,805	2,434,788	222,109
Surplus	2,864,358	21,030	2,843,368
Unfilled orders, Sept. 30, tons	255,945	569,977	*314,032
*Decrease.			

Appealing to the Farmer's Intelligence

The Work That Is Being Done in Missouri to Show Him Why Crops Turn Out Badly and to Teach Him Co-operation

S. M. Jordan, of Pettis County, Missouri, is a man whose opinions in his particular line of work are sought for from many corners of the country. He is the County Agent in his locality in the combined work of the Federal Department of Agriculture, the State of Missouri, and the County of Pettis, for better farming. It is the County Agent who, throughout many parts of the West, is right on the firing line in the attempt to get American agriculture upon a better efficiency level. He is the captain of the agricultural industry in his locality, and as for S. M. Jordan, in particular, the men who are at the forefront in the nation-wide movement are watching his work down in Missouri every day in the year, because he is getting results that they would like to get everywhere. Last week the American Bankers' Association got him to go to Boston and make a speech before the annual convention.

He told the bankers a simple story of what can be done almost anywhere by plain, friendly, tactful men who know their business, in the work of County Agent and popular educator and organizer of farmers. What a County Agent is he thus defined:

He is usually employed jointly by the county, by the State, and by the United States Department of Agriculture. In Missouri the county pays one-half the salary, the State one-fourth, and the United States one-fourth. The man who assumes this position must have a good store of both practical and theoretical knowledge not only of farm matters, but of many others as well. He must be able to tell what he knows in the farmers' language. He must know when and how and where to keep his mouth shut, and, above all, to be in entire sympathy with the situation and be a man who sees efficient service as the greatest success. In his work he is commonly aided by a farmers' organization, with an advisory board or council, in addition to being assisted by the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station and the United States Department of Agriculture.

WORK NEEDS LIVE WIRES

A live County Agent can't go around with a book in his hand repeating scientific formulas, because farming in one neighborhood is different from farming in another, and he must have knowledge and trained judgment to find the particular solutions of particular problems in his particular locality:

The County Agent must get a line on the agricultural situation of his county, and he will often find that many things are apparently contrary to what he will often find in other parts of the country, as methods suited to one locality will not be suited to another. It often happens that plans in a community may be materially bettered, even those in force may have good, satisfactory results, and in such an event, when new plans are suggested, it has to be done very diplomatically. The County Agent will succeed largely in proportion to the things that he can see

to do that will render a service to somebody, even though that service be ever so small.

In the first place, he must be tactful, a man who can get a new educational work started among the thinnest skinned and most sensitive people in America without antagonizing them:

In Pettis County, Missouri, where first the plan was put in operation in the State, the fact was realized that because it was new we would encounter a great many difficulties and objections. It became evident from the very beginning that the move had to be made popular or it must fail. To bring about this result an organization was planned, consisting of two leading farmers from each of the seventeen townships and six additional officers, making in all a body of forty men for planning and carrying out the work designed.

After getting his "good-will" established in Pettis County, Jordan went right in for business, getting in touch with individual farmers and finding out things that are the matter with their methods. For instance:

In making a trip to look at a piece of land on which a man wanted to sow alfalfa, he told me he wanted me to see his new clover that he thought to be a very fine crop. In taking a roost at it, clover-dodder could be found growing on practically every square rod. This man did not know what dodder was and his hired man had never heard of it. I found also on examining the clover seed that had been sown that it came from local seed houses. This led to an investigation of the seed situation in Pettis County. I must say that it was very bad indeed. I gave our dealers the information that I would do everything I could to assist them in selling the best seeds that were on the market, and would use just as much effort to prevent their selling impure seeds. I did this in order that there be no misunderstanding, and in my seed-testing work, when I found samples of bad seed, I invariably let it be known as to where it came from, so that any prospective buyer might govern himself accordingly. I believe that our seed men in Sedalia are men of integrity and who desire to do the fair and honest thing, but that they themselves were not posted on the quality and purity of seeds.

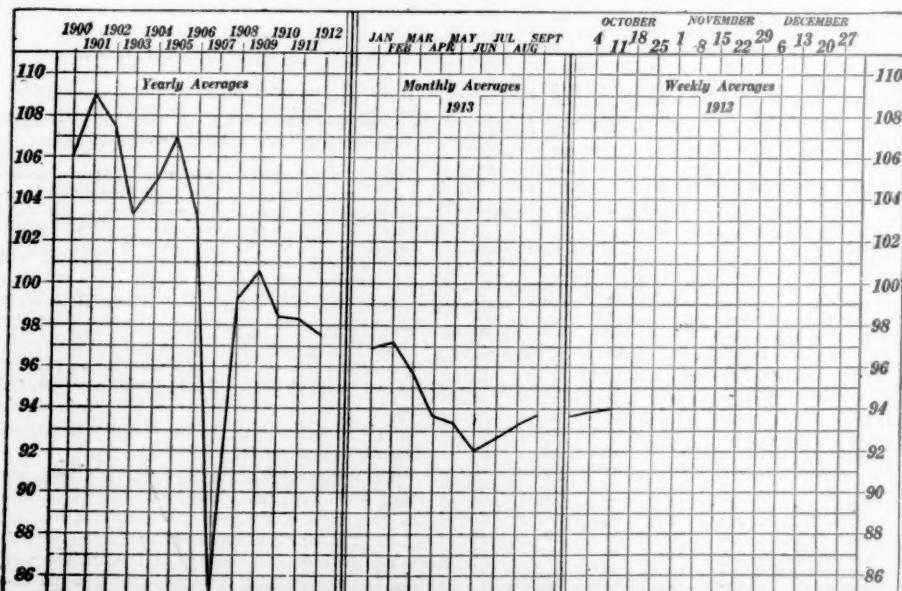
GETTING CHILDREN INTERESTED

Mr. Jordan didn't say so, but it is evident that these farmers had been going on, year after year, "just farming" without any attempt to find out for themselves what caused crop difficulties or even thinking of trying to improve things. That habit of mind is not peculiar to farmers—maybe that is why Mr. Jordan doesn't sermonize on it. He wasn't making a study of psychology, anyway. He just kept on at his County Agent work:

I found a number of very noxious weeds growing in many parts of the county, yet not one farmer in three knew these pests by their seeds. Little attention had ever been given to anything of the kind and they, of course, were not familiar with them. This has led to the introduction of seed testing in the rural schools of the county, and many of the teachers have made a great "hit" in this work alone. The children will ask for a little clover seed perhaps and take it to school, and in a few days a twelve-year-old girl will bring the sample back and show paper the seed of sourdock, bracted plantain, and buck-horn in his clover, and I believe that before two years more have passed every pupil who is twelve years of age or more in the rural schools of Pettis County will be able to recognize by their seeds every one of the serious weed pests that are found in these field seeds.

That produced better results than lecturing the farmers about their shortcomings.

Curve of the Basic Price of Bonds



In this chart the average yield of ten selected savings bank bonds is capitalized on a 4 per cent. basis, and so converted into a market price, the fluctuations of which are shown from 1900 to 1912 by years, from January to September, inclusive, by months and from October 1, to date by weeks.

Crops

Final Measure of the World's Harvest

October Conditions in the Fields and Estimates of Harvest Results Confirm the Predictions of a Month Ago

The Government's crop reports for October first have all been made public, for cotton and the grains. They simply confirm the September story of a sharp shortage in corn, a fair crop of oats, a moderate output of the cotton fields, but the greatest wheat crop on record. September rains were too late to give much fuller measures of production in marketable bushels, but it added wealth in the form of improved fodder and meadow growth. The official predictions for the leading grain crops and cotton follow:

	1913.	1912.	
	Oct. 1	Sept. 1	Final
Prediction.	Prediction.	Estimate.	
Winter wheat (bu.)	510,519,000	510,519,000	400,000,000
Spring wheat (bu.)	242,714,000	243,000,000	230,000,000
All wheat (bu.)	753,233,000	753,519,000	730,000,000
Oats (bu.)	1,122,139,000	1,066,000,000	1,418,000,000
Corn (bu.)	2,373,000,000	2,351,000,000	2,124,746,000
Potatoes (bu.)	319,000,000	325,000,000	420,047,000
Tobacco (lbs.)	577,000,000	527,230,000	562,855,000
Barley (bu.)	173,301,000	168,000,000	223,524,000
Rye (bu.)	34,789,000	35,000,000	35,644,000
Hay (tons)	63,460,000	63,000,000	72,691,000
Cotton (bales)	13,398,956	13,178,000	14,313,015

*Unofficial estimate made with Government averages.

WHEAT OF GOOD QUALITY

The harvest reports of threshing of wheat and oats give better results in States than the ten-year averages indicated a month ago. Nebraska and New York raised more oats than in 1912. Minnesota raised more wheat. But yields have been considerably cut down in the Mississippi Valley. A good feature of the harvest report on wheat is the quality. In the making of buying power for cereal-raising States, quality counts, because higher prices are received for the better grades. The quality of oats is generally a bit off, compared with 1912. In New York it is very much higher.

Preliminary estimates of the final production of oats and Spring wheat in the principal States are as follows:

SPRING WHEAT.

Per Acre.	Production (Bushels.)		—Quality—	Per Cent.
	1913.	1912.		
States—	1913.	1912.	1913.	1912.
No. Dak.	10.5	18.0	79,695,000	143,820,000
Minn.	16.2	15.5	67,958,000	67,028,000
So. Dak.	9.0	14.2	33,075,000	52,185,000
Wash.	19.0	20.4	23,161,000	26,459,000
U. S.	13.0	17.2	242,714,000	330,348,000

OATS.

Per Acre.	Production (Bushels.)		—Quality—	Per Cent.
	1913.	1912.		
Iowa	34.5	44.2	168,326,000	217,818,000
Illinois	32.8	43.3	102,435,000	182,726,000
Minn.	37.8	41.7	112,531,000	122,932,000
Wis.	36.5	37.3	83,768,000	84,746,000
Neb.	26.5	24.4	60,288,000	55,510,000
N. D.	25.7	41.4	57,928,000	95,220,000
Kansas	19.5	32.0	36,894,000	55,040,000
Ohio	30.2	44.0	55,065,000	93,280,000
Indiana	21.4	40.1	37,471,000	79,790,000
S. D.	20.5	33.8	42,294,000	52,390,000
Mich.	30.0	34.9	45,450,000	51,826,000
N. Y.	33.5	30.8	43,114,000	36,714,000
Missouri	21.2	33.0	26,246,000	37,125,000
Penn.	31.0	33.1	35,774,000	36,377,000
U. S.	29.3	37.4	1,122,139,000	1,418,337,000

In corn, the October condition is just a shade better than September's:

CORN.

Per Acre.	Production (Bushels.)		—Quality—	Per Cent.
	1913.	1912.		
Illinois	9.9	61	86	84
Iowa	9.3	77	91	82
Nebraska	7.1	39	77	78
Kansas	6.9	10	72	69
Missouri	6.9	44	84	80
Texas	6.6	78	75	73
Oklahoma	4.8	38	63	67
Indiana	4.6	80	89	81
Georgia	3.8	87	74	86
Ohio	3.7	80	90	84
Kentucky	3.4	60	89	86
Tennessee	3.1	66	82	85
Alabama	3.0	78	80	86
Mississippi	3.0	81	80	86
North Carolina	2.6	85	75	84
South Dakota	2.5	79	84	78
Arkansas	2.3	70	78	80
Minnesota	2.2	90	84	83
South Carolina	1.9	85	75	82
Virginia	1.9	85	73	85
Louisiana	1.8	84	80	82
Michigan	1.5	80	82	80

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Wisconsin	1.5	94	83	84	94
Pennsylvania	1.4	78	85	84	81
United States	100.0	65.3	82.2	80.6	85.1

SHORT POTATO CROP

The decreased production of potatoes is a feature of the crop situation that is not noticed as much as it deserves. There is no crop in which a shortage, with consequent increase in price, cuts as much of a figure in family living costs, except possibly corn and forage, a shortage of which quickly brings up the retail price of meat. The condition of potatoes in the principal States was:

POTATOES.

P.C. of U.S.	Condition Oct. 1.				
	Acreage in	Ten-Year		Sept. 1.	
States—	State	1913.	1912.	Average.	1913.
New York		10.1	59	86	75
Michigan		9.5	69	82	73
Wisconsin		8.0	49	84	74
Pennsylvania		7.2	70	87	74
Minnesota		6.6	83	90	78
Ohio		5.0	57	90	75
Iowa		4.7	51	84	73
Illinois		3.7	43	86	73
Maine		3.3	95	90	88
Nebraska		3.2	48	79	74
Colorado		2.2	74	65	76
United States		100.0	67.7	85.1	76.4

GRAIN AND COTTON PRICES

Staple Commodities Declined Last Week for Lack of Demand

There was an all-round drop in prices of grain and cotton last week. The decline in wheat was ascribed directly to the overbalancing of demand by a flood of shipments of the grain to market. Demand for wheat by Europe has declined. At the same time the markets have been distracted by talk of possible imports from every direction. It is even said that the Argentine may remove her duty on wheat so as to automatically let in Argentine wheat duty free to America. Corn declined in sympathy with wheat and because of decreasing cash buying.

In the case of cotton, the market last week decided that the crop had been greatly underestimated at first. Predictions now run to 14,500,000 bales, and even to more than 15,000,000. The money situation in Europe, where unusual discounts are being exacted on cotton bills, has also tended to restrict demand and lower prices.

CHICAGO

WHEAT.

	—May—			
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Oct. 6.	80%	85%	91%	91
Oct. 7.	80%	85%	91%	90%
Oct. 8.	80%	86%	91%	91%
Oct. 9.	80%	85%	91%	90%
Oct. 10.	80%	86	91%	91
Oct. 11.	80%	86%	91%	91%
Week's range.	80%	85%	91%	90%

CORN.

	—May—			
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Oct. 6.	41	40%	44%	44
Oct. 7.	41%	40%	44%	43%
Oct. 8.	41%	40%	44%	44%
Oct. 9.	41%	40%	44%	44
Oct. 10.	41%	40%	44%	44
Oct. 11.	41%	40%	44%	43%
Week's range.	41%	40%	44%	43%

OATS.

	—May—			
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
Oct. 6.	41	40%	44%	44
Oct. 7.	41%	40%	44%	43%
Oct. 8.	41%	40%	44%	44%
Oct. 9.	41%	40%	44%	44
Oct. 10.	41%	40%	44%	44
Oct. 11.	41%	40%	44%	43%
Week's range.	41%	40%	44%	43%

NEW YORK COTTON.

	Oct.	Dec.	Mch.	—May—
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.

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